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A former public bathroom on Boston Common is being turned into a sandwich shop. The 1920s-era "Pink Palace" hasn't been used as a restroom in decades. City officials agreed to a 15-year lease with the Earl of Sandwich chain. The project is a chance to preserve the historic mausoleum-like structure while bringing new life to the Common, a spokesman said. **(AP)**

ANIMALS

Pet Feigns Joy at Return to Captivity

A Boston woman who thought her dachshund was dead after a fire destroyed her apartment a month ago has found the dog living in the wreckage. When Terisa Acevedo stopped by the ruined apartment Monday, she heard scratching, pulled away the plywood covering the doorway and found Lola. She says Lola jumped into her arms and set off a flood of tears. **(AP)**

HORRIFYING

In Movies, This Is Funny

A naked man wanted for a probation violation warrant was caught after falling through the ceiling of Hattiesburg, Miss., woman's apartment. Police were looking for Patrick Williams when the woman called 911 Tuesday. He was arrested in the parking lot of the apartment complex. He had been crawling through an attic shared by multiple apartments when he fell. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

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A TREE IS FITTED for a new sweater by Ellen Christensen, project coordinator of a "knit-bombing" project in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Utah Arts Festival is starting a campaign in which rogue knitters perform "Random Acts of Art" by knitting covers for parking meters, benches and other outdoor items. **(AP)**

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Report Shifts Some Blame off BP

Gulf probe: Blowout preventer failed due to defective design

New Orleans

The blowout preventer that should have stopped the BP oil spill cold failed because of faulty design and a bent piece of pipe, a testing firm hired by the government said Wednesday. The report appears to shift some blame for the disaster away from the oil giant and toward those who built and maintained the 300-ton safety device.

At least one outside expert said the findings cast serious doubt on the reliability of all the other blowout preventers used by the drilling industry.

The report by the Norwegian firm Det Norske Veritas is not the final word on the Deepwater Horizon disaster last April that killed 11 workers and led to more than 200 million gallons of oil spewing from a BP well a mile beneath the Gulf of Mexico.

But it helps answer one of the lingering mysteries nearly a year later: why the blowout preventer, made by Cameron International and maintained by Transocean Ltd., that sat at the wellhead and was supposed to prevent a spill in case of an explosion didn't do its job.

The report cast blame on the blowout preventer's blind shear rams, which are supposed to pinch a well shut in an emergency by shearing through the well's drill pipe. In the BP crisis, the shear rams couldn't do their job, because the drill pipe had buckled, bowed and become stuck, according to the DNV report.

In response to the report, Cameron spokeswoman Rhonda Barnat said the blowout preventer "was designed and tested to industry standards and customer specifications." She added, "We continue to work with the industry to ensure safe operations." HARRY R. WEBER AND MICHAEL KUNZELMAN (AP)

U.S. COAST GUARD VIA GETTY IMAGES

Crews battle a fire on the Deepwater Horizon April 21, 2010, in the Gulf of Mexico.

"This is the first time in all of this that there has been a clear design flaw in the blowout preventer cited."

— **PHILIP JOHNSON,** A UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA CIVIL ENGINEERING PROFESSOR, ON THE FINDING THAT THE BLOWOUT PREVENTER FAILED BECAUSE OF FAULTY DESIGN.

Attempts to Control

The 551-page report suggested that blowout preventers be designed or modified in such a way that the shear rams will completely cut through drill pipe regardless of the pipe's position. The blowout preventer was made by Cameron International and maintained by Transocean Ltd. The report suggested that actions taken by the Transocean rig crew during its attempts to control the well around the time of the disaster may have contributed to the piece of drill pipe getting trapped. (AP)

Detroit's Shrinking Clout: After losing a quarter of its population, Detroit will see its clout diminish in Congress because its two congressional districts will have to reach farther into the suburbs to retain their black majorities. It won't be the first time Detroit has lost power in the nation's capital. The Motor City used to have three congressional districts as recently as the 1980s. But a steady population decline has caused its dominance to shrink. (AP)

In Brief

HOUSTON

Day Care Operator Pleads Not Guilty in Fatal Fire

Tata

Jessica Tata, who fled to Nigeria after a Feb. 24 fire at her Texas home day care center killed four children, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to manslaughter and other charges. She is facing 14 charges. (AP)

NEW YORK

WTC Steel to Honor Young Ariz. Shooting Victim

A piece of World Trade Center steel is being molded into an angel in the memory of Christina-Taylor Green, who was born on Sept. 11, 2001, and died in a barrage of gunfire in the Tucson, Ariz., shooting rampage that injured Rep. Gabrielle Giffords on Jan. 8. (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO

Court: No Gay Marriages In Calif. During Appeal

A federal appeals court on Wednesday refused to allow gay marriages to take place in California while it considers the constitutionality of the state's ban. Lawyers for two same-sex couples had sought again to lift the stay after the California Supreme Court recently said it would take at least until the end of the year to consider a legal question. (AP)

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Nation

'This Is the New NAACP'

Organization's efforts lead to more diverse, gay chapter leaders

Worcester, Mass.

The NAACP's newly revived Worcester chapter elected a 28-year-old openly gay black man as its president this month. In New Jersey, a branch of the organization outside Atlantic City chose a Honduran immigrant to lead it last year. And in Mississippi, the Jackson State University chapter recently turned to a 30-something white man.

Founded more than a century ago to promote black equality, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is seeing remarkable diversity in its leadership ranks — the result of an aggressive effort over the past four or five years to boost NAACP membership and broaden the civil rights organization's agenda to confront prejudice in its many forms.

"This is the new NAACP," said Clark University political science professor Ravi Perry, the new chapter president in Worcester. "This is a human rights organization, and we have an obligation to fight discrimination at all levels."

NAACP branches have been recruiting gays, immigrants and young people who grew up in a world far removed from the landmark 1954 Brown v. Board of Education ruling that outlawed school segregation. Now, leadership positions that were once held only by blacks are being filled by members of other racial or ethnic groups.

The push for diversity troubles some members of the NAACP's old guard, who worry that problems in the black community may get short shrift.

In 1964, the NAACP's membership peaked at 625,000 paid members. By the middle of the past decade, that had dropped to just under 300,000. Now it has reversed course and climbed to more than 525,000, in large part because of an increase in young members, group officials say.

RUSSELL CONTRERAS (AP)

Push to Broaden Agenda

Founded in 1909 partly in response to race riots in Springfield, Ill., NAACP begin as a coalition of black and Jewish activists with whites serving in leadership position in many chapters, and it was only later that it became a predominantly black organization. In a reflection of how it has broadened its agenda, the NAACP came out against California's Proposition 8, the ballot measure banning gay marriage. Last year, it spoke out against Arizona's anti-immigration law. It also supported the federal DREAM Act, a proposal to give illegal immigrant students a pathway to citizenship through college or military service. (AP)

Study Says No Heart Risk From Mercury in Fish

Los Angeles

In a large, unusual health study, researchers analyzing toxin levels in tens of thousands of toenail clippings determined that mercury from eating fish does not raise the risk of heart disease or stroke.

Health experts have long urged people to eat fish to lower heart risks, but some have worried that the mercury in certain types of fish like shark and swordfish might offset any benefits. Earlier studies on mercury and heart problems yielded contradictory results.

No differences were seen in the rates of heart and stroke among those with the highest concentrations of mercury compared to those with the lowest. (AP)

Spring Snowstorm Hits Midwest, Northeast

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Nation

Soldier Tried in Killings

Man pleads guilty in 2010 deaths of 3 Afghan civilians

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington

A 22-year-old U.S. soldier pleaded guilty Wednesday to the murders of three unarmed Afghan civilians in a war crimes probe that implicates a dozen members of his platoon and has raised some of the most serious criminal allegations to come from the war in Afghanistan.

Spc. Jeremy Morlock of Wasilla, Alaska, was court-martialed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord south of Seattle, where he pleaded guilty to three counts of murder, and one count each of conspiracy, obstructing justice and illegal drug use in exchange for a maximum sentence of 24 years in prison.

Morlock was accused of taking a lead role in the killings of three unarmed Afghan men in Kandahar province in January, February and May 2010. When asked by the judge whether the plan was to shoot at people to scare them, or to shoot to kill, Morlock replied: "The plan was to kill people."

Morlock is the first of five soldiers from the 5th Stryker Brigade to be court-martialed — something his lawyer Geoffrey Nathan characterized as an advantage, noting that even under the maximum sentence, Morlock would serve no more than eight years before becoming eligible for parole.

Morlock told investigators the murder plot was led by Staff Sgt. Calvin Gibbs, of Billings, Mont., who is also charged in the case. Also charged in the murders are Spc. Adam Winfield, of Cape Coral, Fla.; Pvt. 1st Class Andrew Holmes, of Boise, Idaho; and Spc. Michael Wagnon II, of Las Vegas, Nev. (AP)

Backstory

Spc. Jeremy Morlock told the judge, Lt. Col. Kwasi Hawks, that he and his co-defendants first began plotting to murder unarmed Afghans in late 2009, several weeks before the first killing took place. To make the killings appear justified, the soldiers planned to plant weapons near the bodies of the victims. "Did everybody know, 'We're killing people who are completely innocent'?" the judge asked. "Generally, yes, sir, everyone knew," Morlock replied. (AP)

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World

Coalition Airstrikes, Rebels Gain in Libya

International efforts help force Gadhafi's troops to pull back

Benghazi, Libya

NATO ships patrolled off Libya's coast Wednesday as airstrikes, missiles and energized rebels forced Moammar Gadhafi's tanks to roll back from two key western cities, including one that was the hometown of army officers who tried to overthrow him in 1993.

Libya's opposition took haphazard steps to form a government in the east, as they and the U.S.-led force protecting them girded for prolonged and costly fighting. Despite disorganization among the rebels — and utter confusion over who would ultimately run the international operation — the airstrikes and missiles seemed to have their intended effect in Libya, at least for now.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates acknowledged there is no clear end to the international military enforcement of the no-fly zone over Libya, but President Obama said it "absolutely" will not lead to a U.S. land invasion.

From Ajdabiya in the east to Misrata in the west, coalition targets included Libyan troops' mechanized forces, missile sites and lines of communications that supply "their beans and their bullets," said Rear Adm. Gerard Hueber, a top U.S. officer in the campaign in Libya.

The withdrawal of the tanks from Misrata and Zintan was a rare success for the rebels, who hold much of the east but have struggled to take advantage of the international air campaign.

"Today, for the first time in a week, the bakeries opened their doors," a doctor in Misrata said.

Still, Abdel-Hafidh Ghoga, an opposition spokesman, said 16 people, including five children, in Misrata were killed by pro-Gadhafi snipers on rooftops Wednesday.

Neither the rebels nor Gadhafi has mustered the force for an outright victory, raising concerns of a prolonged conflict.

Gadhafi's regime has alleged that dozens of civilians have been killed in the coalition attacks. The Pentagon said Wednesday there was no evidence of that. (AP)

ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/AP

A Libyan rebel aims Wednesday at Moammar Gadhafi's forces near Ajdabiya, Libya.

In Brief

BEIRUT

7 Estonians Kidnapped

Armed men wearing masks kidnapped seven Estonians who were cycling in eastern Lebanon on Wednesday, bundling them into two vans and driving away, police said Wednesday. It was not clear whether the kidnappings were politically motivated, like the rash of abductions during Lebanon's bitter civil war. (AP)

DARAA, SYRIA

15 Dead After Crackdown On Protesters Begins

Syrian police on Wednesday attacked anti-government protesters, killing at least 15, witnesses said. The uprising in Daraa and nearby villages has become the biggest domestic challenge to the Syrian government since the 1970s. (AP)

Prayers Rise in Embattled Yemen

MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/AP

WOMEN PRAY AT AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTEST Wednesday in San'a, Yemen. The country's parliament on Wednesday approved emergency laws to strengthen the power of Yemen's president, Ali Abdullah Saleh, to quell demonstrations. The opposition called the vote illegal. Protesters for weeks have called for Saleh to step down immediately.

20 Injured, 1 Killed in Bombing in Jerusalem

Jerusalem

A blast Israel quickly blamed on Palestinian militants ripped through a bus stop in Jerusalem on Wednesday, killing a woman, wounding more than 20 other people and intensifying fears that a period of relative calm could be ending as hopes for a negotiated peace fade.

Violence has been on the rise, with the knife slaying this month of a Jewish settler family as they slept and the deaths of civilians in Gaza by Israeli strikes Tuesday in retaliation for rocket fire from the Hamas-ruled strip.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warned militants not to test Israel's "iron will," and vowed a tough response to the bombing. (AP)

Into the Deep: A fourth hunt for the black boxes and wreckage of Air France Flight 447 is under way, French officials said Wednesday. Searchers seek clues as to why the Airbus A330 en route from Rio de Janeiro to Paris dove into the Atlantic Ocean during a storm on June 1, 2009, killing all 228 on board. The hunt took on added importance last week, when a French judge filed preliminary charges of manslaughter against Air France and Airbus. (AP)

Opposition In Canada May Force Election

Toronto

Canada's three opposition parties said Wednesday they planned to topple the conservative government in a vote of no confidence in Parliament this week and trigger the country's fourth election in seven years.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper needs at least one opposition party's support to stay in power, but all three on Tuesday rejected his budget plan.

Harper

"This government has lost the confidence of Canadians," Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff said.

A vote on the budget is expected Thursday or Friday. Its defeat, or a no-confidence vote, could trigger an election in May. (AP)

Radiation Fears Ripple to Tokyo

Tainted tap water is dangerous to babies, health officials warn

Tokyo

Radiation leaking from Japan's tsunami-damaged nuclear power plant has caused Tokyo's tap water to exceed safety standards for infants to drink, officials said Wednesday, sending anxiety levels soaring over the nation's food and water supply.

Residents cleared store shelves of bottled water after Tokyo Gov. Shintaro Ishihara said levels of radioactive iodine in tap water were more than twice what is considered safe for babies.

Officials begged those in Tokyo to buy only what they needed, saying hoarding could hurt the thousands of people lacking water in areas devastated by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Radiation from the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi plant has also seeped into raw milk and 11 kinds of vegetables, including broccoli and turnips, from areas around the plant. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration said it was halting imports of Japanese dairy and produce from those areas.

Meanwhile, work at the Dai-ichi plant halted again when smoke was seen Wednesday afternoon, prompting the second evacuation of workers in three days. Crews are trying to restore electricity to the four units still overheating.

Also Wednesday, the Japanese government said that the disasters have caused up to $309 billion in damages, an estimate far higher than the $235 billion suggested by the World Bank. (AP/THE WASHINGTON POST)

PAULA BRONSTEIN/GETTY IMAGES

People wait Wednesday for a grocery store in Ichinoseki, Japan, to open its doors.

A FOOD PROBLEM

"We have contaminated milk and vegetables, and now tap water in Tokyo, and I'm wondering what's next."

— ETSUKO NOMURA, OF TOKYO, A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN, AGES 2 AND 5.

Scary Precedent: The danger associated with food tainted with radioactive material was highlighted in the wake of the Chernobyl accident in 1986, when thousands of children who drank milk later developed thyroid cancer. Japanese officials have found elevated radiation levels in raw milk and spinach in areas near the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. New tests show the concentrations could be unsafe if spinach is eaten regularly. Eating about one-fifth of a pound for 10 days would be equivalent to the amount of radiation a person receives from the natural environment in a year, officials said. (TWP)

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Panel: Crashes Due to Violations

Report blames train operators for rail yard low-speed collisions

Safety Oversight

Metro trains have been involved in a troubling series of low-speed collisions in rail yards in the past four months as train operators have broken rules on speed and safe-driving practices, according to Metro's safety oversight agency.

Metro has reported five or six rail yard crashes since December to the Tri-State Oversight Committee, which found that the incidents were due largely to lax compliance with rules, according to the committee's chairman, Matt Bassett.

"Our concern comes from the fact that there is a pattern," Bassett said. No one was seriously injured in any of the incidents, Bassett said, but some of them caused "a fair amount" of damage.

"We are addressing rail yard rules compliance to help ensure best safety practices, including conducting regular compliance checks in partnership with the TOC," said Metro spokeswoman Lisa Farbstein.

The oversight committee recommended that Metro strengthen its enforcement of rail yard speed and driving restrictions. It will also begin carrying out inspections starting this week, Bassett said.

TRACY A. WOODWARD/TWP

A crash at the West Falls Church rail yard, above, caused $12M in damage.

A 15-page TOC report, scheduled to be presented Thursday to a Metro Board of Directors safety committee, raises "concerns over rule compliance in rail yards" in an assessment of Metro safety since its last report in December.

Mortimer Downey, chairman of the safety committee, said in a statement that the TOC report "is a reminder of the importance of staying focused and remaining diligent about safety."

The incidents are of particular concern in light of a November 2009 crash and derailment at the West Falls Church rail yard, when a six-car train struck a parked train, derailing two cars and injuring three workers. That accident caused $12 million in damage to the cars and left three beyond repair, Bassett said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

GMU President to Retire

Merten transformed commuter school to major state university

Fairfax, Va.

Alan G. Merten announced Wednesday he will retire next year as president of George Mason University, concluding a 16-year tenure in which he led Virginia's largest public higher-education institution toward his goal of building a great suburban university.

Merten, 69, has overseen one of the largest and swiftest building campaigns in higher education, opening 28 new facilities in the past five years alone and raising enrollment from 24,000 to 32,562 since his arrival. Together with predecessor George W. Johnson, Merten grew Mason from a small commuter school into the largest higher-education operation in the state.

Merten

Merten also brought luster to George Mason, building a national reputation with unusual speed.

In a letter to the head of the university's governing Board of Visitors dated Wednesday, Merten wrote that serving as Mason's president "has been the greatest privilege of my career" and that he was "proud of what has been accomplished." Merten came to George Mason from Cornell, where he was dean of its graduate business school, with a background in computers and management.

George Mason ascended from the fourth to the third "tier" on the closely watched U.S. News & World Report rankings under Merten's watch, and it is now ranked 143rd among universities nationwide. The admission rate has declined from 81 percent to just above 50 percent in the Merten era, a badge of rising selectivity.

The average grade-point average among applicants has risen from about 3.0 to 3.6.

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UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND FANS cheer on the men's basketball team before it heads to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament Wednesday. Along with Virginia Commonwealth University's run in the tournament, the schools and the city they share have enjoyed a higher profile nationally. | **postlocal.com**

Shorter Bloom Time Predicted For Blossoms

Washington

The National Park Service is scaling back its prediction for the peak bloom period for Washington's famous cherry blossoms.

The Park Service announced Wednesday that the peak blooming period will likely be March 29 through April 1. A horticulturist had earlier predicted the peak blooming time would last through April 3.

Buds on the cherry trees already are in the "puffy white" stage, which means they are about four to six days away from peak bloom.

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Silence in Reagan Tower

FAA investigates why 2 planes were forced to land without help

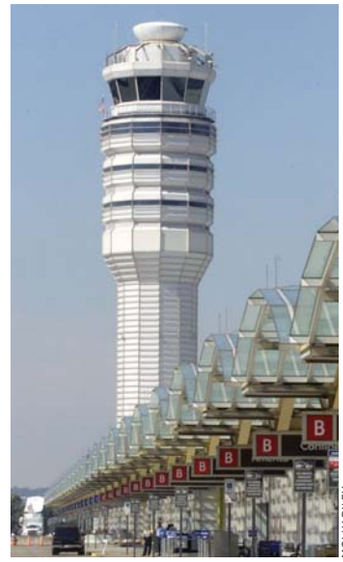
Washington

The control tower at Reagan National Airport went silent early Wednesday, forcing two airliners carrying a total of 165 passengers and crew to land on their own.

The tower did not respond to pilot requests for landing assistance or to phone calls from controllers elsewhere in the region, who also used a "shout line," which pipes into a loudspeaker in the tower, internal records show.

An American Airlines Boeing 737 flying in from Miami with 97 on board aborted its landing and circled the airport after getting no response from the tower at midnight. Minutes later, a United Airlines Airbus 320 flying in from Chicago with 68 passengers and crew also received no answer from the tower.

Both planes landed without incident after their pilots took matters into their own hands, broadcasting their progress as they approached and landed.



MOLLY RILEY

Two flights landed at Reagan National Airport Wednesday with no assistance.

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the incident, agency spokeswoman Laura J. Brown said in a statement.

"The pilots were in contact with air traffic controllers at the Potomac TRACON, which hands off flights to the tower shortly before they land, and both aircraft landed safely," she said. "The FAA is looking into staffing issues and whether existing procedures were followed appropriately."

The first two planes landed and used information from their airlines to find the correct gates. By the time the third plane touched down, after about a half-hour of silence, communication from the tower had been restored.

The greatest risk posed by silence from the tower was on the ground rather than in the air. Planes routinely land in smaller airports without guidance from a tower.

On the ground, however, the slow nighttime hours are when maintenance crews crisscross the tarmac — sometimes towing airplanes — as they prepare for the next morning.

"There are people in the control tower for a reason," a source familiar with tower operation said. "There's a whole lot of activity going on during the night." ASHLEY HALSEY III (THE WASHINGTON POST)

31% **D.C. Mayor Vincent Gray's job approval rating,** according to a new poll by Clarus Research Group, with 40 percent disapproving. As for D.C. Council Chairman Kwame R. Brown 43 percent disapprove of the job he's doing, with only 27 percent approving. D.C. Police Chief Cathy Lanier has an 84 percent positive rating, and D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton scores an 82 percent approval rating. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Anti-Abortion Onslaught

Movement gains momentum with several states on pace to enact bans

New York

Dozens of bills are advancing through statehouses nationwide that would put an array of new obstacles — legal, financial and psychological — in the paths of women seeking abortions.

The tactics vary: mandatory sonograms and anti-abortion counseling; sweeping limits on insurance coverage; bans on abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy. To abortion-rights activists, they add up to the biggest political threat since the Roe v. Wade decision of 1973 that legalized abortion nationwide.

"It's just this total onslaught," said Elizabeth Nash, who tracks state legislation for the Guttmacher Institute, a research organization that supports abortion rights.

What's different this year is not the raw number of anti-abortion bills, but the fact that many of the toughest, most substantive measures have a good chance of passage due to gains by conservative Republicans in last year's legislative and gubernatorial elections. On Tuesday, South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard signed a bill imposing the longest-in-the-nation waiting period of three days before women could have an abortion — and also require them to undergo counseling at pregnancy help centers that discourage abortions.

In more than 20 states, bills have been introduced to restrict insurance coverage of abortion. In Utah, one such measure has passed and was sent to Gov. Gary Herbert.

"You could have nearly half the states where you couldn't buy regular insurance coverage for abortion even with your own money," said Donna Crane of NARAL Pro-Choice America. "This is having a transformational effect on the insurance industry and the way abortion is viewed."

While routine first-trimester abortions generally cost $400 to $700, later and more complicated abortions can run into the thousands of dollars, especially if hospitalization is needed.

"A lot of these bills have an edge to them that really discounts the complications that can occur in pregnancy," said Planned Parenthood's Rachel Sussman. "There's a disregard for women's health."

Thus far, the year-old Nebraska law banning most abortions after 20 weeks has not been challenged in court, emboldening abortion foes to promote versions of it in other states this year.

Jill June of Planned Parenthood of the Heartland, who expects a challenge, cited the case of Danielle Deaver, a Nebraska woman who — under the new law — was denied the option of terminating a pregnancy at 22 weeks after she learned the baby was nonviable. Deaver ended up going into natural pre-term labor and gave birth to a girl who died after 15 minutes.

"There will be more women like her who will be harmed if these laws continue to be passed in other states," June said. (AP)

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Tens of thousands of anti-abortion demonstrators march along Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., in January.

Opposing Views

"We don't believe these bills will dissuade women who've already made their decisions. What we think they will do is harass and intimidate women who don't deserve it."

— **DONNA CRANE** OF NARAL PRO-CHOICE AMERICA, WHO WARNS NEW STATE BILLS WON'T HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT.

"When a woman is pregnant and doesn't want to be, the more information she has, the better. That's what these laws are trying to do — give a thoughtful pause so the mother can understand the options that are out there."

— **MARY SPAULDING BALCH** OF THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE, ARGUING THAT KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

Challenging Roe v. Wade: How states are fighting the law permitting abortions up to 24 weeks into pregnancy

NEBRASKA

Last year, Nebraska banned elective abortions after 20 or 21 weeks of pregnancy based on the premise that a fetus can feel pain after 20 weeks.

IDAHO

On Wednesday, the Idaho Senate approved a bill based on Nebraska's. Similar bills have made progress in Kansas and Oklahoma.

OHIO

There's been a hearing on a bill outlawing abortions after the first detectable heartbeat — as early as six weeks into a pregnancy.

TEXAS

The House passed a bill requiring pregnant women have a chance to view a sonogram, hear the fetal heartbeat and listen to a doctor describe the fetus.

FLORIDA

Lawmakers have introduced at least 18 bills on banning insurance coverage for abortions, including proposals to require ultrasound.

VIRGINIA

Lawmakers passed a bill requiring abortion clinics to be regulated akin to hospitals, which may raise costs and force some clinics to close.

Sports

Charlie Davies celebrates after one of his two goals in Saturday's game at RFK Stadium.

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Davies' Miraculous Return

New United star caps his comeback with an opening act almost too good to be true

Major League Soccer

Charlie Davies was in tears during his postgame interview on Comcast SportsNet, and D.C. United President and CEO Kevin Payne admitted later in the jubilant locker room that no Hollywood script writer would have taken Saturday's events at RFK Stadium seriously.

Davies, 24, called his D.C. debut a "miracle," and the "best moment of my life." In October 2009, he was nearly killed in a horrific car crash on the George Washington Parkway.

Seventeen months later and about five miles away, after a journey that included exhausting surgeries and rehabilitation, the end of his World Cup dream and a move from France back to the U.S., Davies was the man of the impossible moment.

He entered the match against Columbus in the 52nd minute, his triumphant return to competitive soccer almost overshadowed by Josh Wolff's game-opening goal.

But about 10 minutes later, Davies was in full command of the spotlight. United was awarded a penalty kick after a foul on Chris Pontius, and with Jaime Moreno now retired, there was some question on the D.C. bench about who should take it.

There was no confusion on the field.

"I told Wolffie right away, 'I'm taking this.' [Captain Dax McCarty] came over with the ball and handed to me, and said, 'We trust in you. We believe in you.' That says it all," Davies said. "When you hear that, you say, 'I'm going to do what I need to do to have this team succeed.'"

He celebrated his first goal since August 2009 with the more-than 18,000 supporters at RFK, many of whom had paid tribute to Davies at the World Cup qualifier two days after the car accident. Several of those same white '9' signs were held aloft.

"To be able to come out and play soccer again after such a traumatic experience. It goes to show with faith, with belief in yourself, you can achieve the impossible. Today I achieved the impossible. And I've just got to keep doing it."

"The support was overwhelming," he said.

In the 77th minute, Davies added a "Can you believe this?" element to the already memorable evening, blowing past two-time MLS defender of the year Chad Marshall and coolly depositing his second. "I think everyone doesn't have any more doubts about my speed," Davies said.

At one point, fans held up a huge banner depicting the eagle in D.C.'s logo as a phoenix, with the words "United Reborn" alongside. The same certainly can be said for Davies' career, which will continue Saturday with another poignant affair — a game against the New England revolution (0-0-1). Davies was born in New Hampshire and attended Boston College.

"It's going to be another unbelievable experience," he said. The first game was "crossing the finish line. But another race starts again. ... Now the real journey begins for me, trying to achieve all the goals I've wanted to achieve."

BRIAN STRAUS

In Brief

GETTY IMAGES

Rick Ankiel is likely to start the season as the Nationals' start center fielder.

THE NATIONALS

Sources: Ankiel to Start Over Morgan in Outfield

The Nationals will continue to evaluate Rick Ankiel, Nyjer Morgan and Roger Bernadina for their final six spring training games, but they have already reached a near-final decision to make Ankiel their regular center fielder, according to multiple baseball people outside the organization familiar with the team's thinking. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

PRO BASEBALL

Braves Coach Returns After Losing an Eye

Atlanta Braves minor-league manager Luis Salazar returned to camp Wednesday, two weeks after being struck in the face by a foul ball and losing his left eye. "I'm very fortunate to be alive," Salazar said. (AP)

ICE SKATING

France Offers to Let Japan Host 2012 Worlds

France is offering the 2012 world figure skating championships to Japan as a sign of solidarity after Japan abandoned plans to host next week's championships in Tokyo after the deadly earthquake and tsunami. Six countries have bid to host this year's worlds. (AP)

GOLF

Woods Launches App

Tiger Woods is now giving lessons on mobile phones. Woods has launched a mobile application called "Tiger Woods: My Swing" for the iPhone and iPod touch that aims to help golfers of all skill levels improve through video analysis and instruction. (AP)

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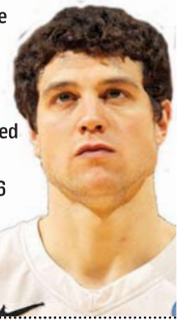
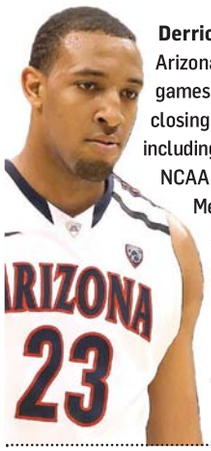
5 Stars Still in The Hunt

Kemba Walker: While the Connecticut star averages 23.6 points, the fourth-most in the nation, he is also comfortable letting teammates shine if he attracts too much attention. The junior had a career-high 12 assists in a first-round win over Bucknell.



Jimmer Fredette: The 6-foot-2 guard has ridiculous range, doesn't need screens to get open looks and has the ability to drive into the lane and find teammates for easy shots or draw fouls. That's why he averaged 28.8 points during the season and has 66 points through two tournament games.



Derrick Williams: Arizona's star won two games with blocks in the closing seconds this year, including the first-round NCAA game against Memphis. And Sunday, the 6-foot-8 sophomore converted a 3-point play that proved to be the game-winner against Texas.

Nolan Smith: Duke has three headliners, led

Blowing the Whistle on Refs

On-air criticism of bad calls in NCAA games gives official a new role

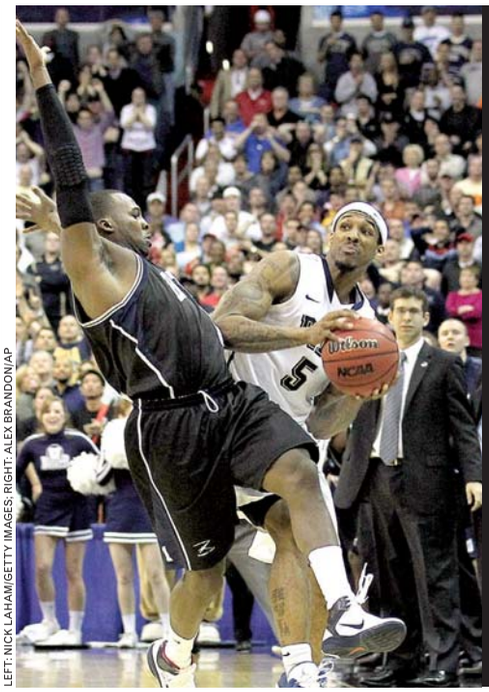
Men's College Hoops

In the weeks leading up to this year's NCAA Tournament, Greg Shaheen, the NCAA's executive vice president of championships, had a new directive for John Adams: Bring a sportcoat with you.

Adams, the NCAA's national officiating coordinator, had no use for the jacket through the tournament's first two days, but that changed in the final 2.2 seconds of Butler's upset victory over top-seeded Pittsburgh Saturday. After the officials in that game called two fouls in the waning moments, the new "reluctant face" of March, according to Shaheen, sprang into action.

> **"When it's about judgement calls ... that's kind of an eye-of-the-beholder thing, and it's a lose-lose deal."**
>
> —**HANK NICHOLS,** A FORMER NCAA REF COORDINATOR, ON CRITIQUING CALLS ON GAMES.

Up until that point, Adams had been like any other fan, his eyes glued to the television as the Bulldogs tried to shock the college basketball world for a second-straight March. But once guard Shelvin Mack fouled Pittsburgh's Gilbert Brown with 1.4 seconds left, the first of the two infractions, Adams could tell that "there's gonna be a story here."



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'There's Gonna Be A Story Here'

In the 45 minutes after two controversial foul calls in Saturday's Butler-Pittsburgh games, John Adams looked at every camera angle afforded him before going on the air. In the end, the NCAA's national officiating coordinator explained that the officials did the right thing — saying "a foul is a foul." (TWP)

The story only grew after Pittsburgh's Nasir Robinson was whistled for a foul on Butler's Matt Howard with 0.8 of a second left, sending Howard to the line for what turned out to be the winning free throw in the Bulldogs' 71-70 win.

No more than five minutes passed after the game before Jeff Behnke, the senior vice president and executive producer for Turner Sports, called Shaheen asking if Adams could explain what had happened to viewers.

While such a practice wasn't common previously, both Shaheen and Adams agreed an explanation on the officiating was warranted as part of the effort to offer more transparency. His conclusion: "A foul is a foul."

Adams' predecessor, Hank Nichols finds this new approach refreshing, as long as there are some boundaries."It's about giving out the information, and giving out the correct information, so you can take the speculation away," Nichols said. "When it's about rules, I think it's a really good thing."

After one weekend of games, Adams has shown he's not afraid to mince words. After North Carolina's 86-83 win over Washington on Sunday, when replays showed the Huskies should have been afforded more time at the end of the game, Adams told CBS' Greg Gumbel that "I'm a little disappointed that we didn't use all the resources we had available to walk off the court knowing we got it 100 percent right."

When asked about how far he was willing to go in his on-camera criticism of officials, Adams said, "I think if we were absolutely sure on a critical play that an official misapplied a rule, or necessarily a judgment call ... we would probably make that admission on the air if that was indeed part of the process."

MARK GIANNOTTO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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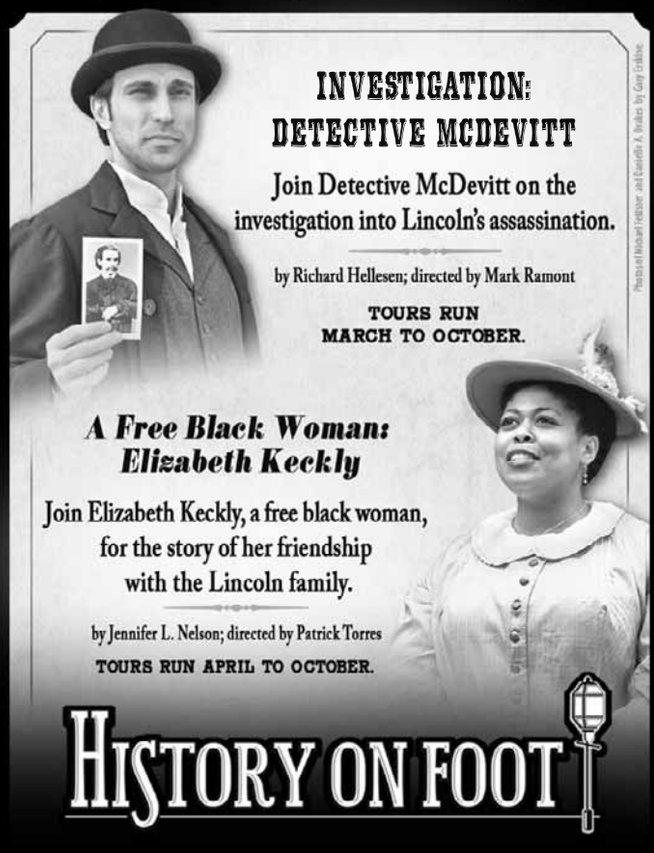

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Ford's 'Liberty Smith' vs. Signature's 'And The Curtain Rises'

Theater

Musicals are expensive to produce, so theaters tend to rely on revivals of shows people already know they like, rather than creating something new. Two D.C.-area companies are braving the odds and premiering original shows this month — "Liberty Smith" at Ford's Theatre and "And the Curtain Rises" at Signature — so we thought we'd compare them in our very first ORIGINAL MUSICAL SMACKDOWN.

How original is it, really?

Liberty: It's a fantasy epic about a fictional Founding Father named Liberty Smith (played by Geoff Packard, right). Most of the characters are real — Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Paul Revere, Betsy Ross — who owe Liberty credit for their most famous achievements.

Curtain: It's a somewhat straightforward story about the premiere of what's considered the first American musical: 1866's "The Black Crook." While "Curtain" certainly takes liberties with the past, it doesn't actually rewrite it.

Winner: "Liberty." History can *always* be improved upon.

Which show would win the presidential election? "Liberty Smith." Patriotism trumps everything.

SCOTT SUCHMAN

Which would make a better reality TV show?

Liberty: "Are You Smarter Than a Founding Father?" pits ordinary folks against history, challenging them to save Massachusetts from British attack or timing them as they sew an American flag.

Curtain: In "America's Next Top Musical," 12 composers face horrible tests — "Each of you has a food item on your plate. Please write a character-driven 'I Want' song for it" — in a cutthroat quest for a fully funded Broadway production of their pet project.

Winner: "Curtain." Obviously, we're smarter than the Founding Fathers; we have Wikipedia.

Which would win the presidential election?

Liberty: Well, it has powerful political connections and isn't afraid to take an ideological stand, but it's seen as a Washington insider.

Curtain: Though it brings refreshing ideas to the table, it focuses on issues that don't connect to middle America.

Winner: "Liberty." Patriotism trumps everything. FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)

- *"Liberty Smith," Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; through May 21, $20-$55; 202-347-4833, Fordstheatre.org. (Metro Center)*
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Buy a Vowell

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Short, squeaky-voiced and impossibly smart, Sarah Vowell is beloved for her knack for making history not fatally boring. Her latest book, "Unfamiliar Fishes" ($26, Riverside), is about the events leading up to the U.S. annexation of Hawaii in 1898 and all the ways newcomers found to exploit the island's natives. If dense, long-form nonfiction isn't your thing, we've rounded up other ways to familiarize yourself with the Vowell canon before her reading on Saturday.

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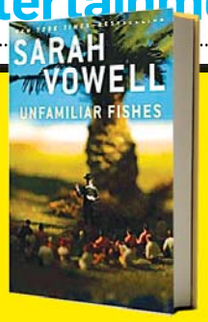

Sarah Vowell's newest book, "Unfamiliar Fishes," traces Hawaii's long, strange journey toward statehood. What piqued her interest?

I'm kind of preoccupied with the year 1898. It's a fascinating study of power. Our country is founded by colonials trying to break free, and we transformed into a colonial power ourselves. In that year, we invaded Cuba and the Philippines, and went into Guam, Puerto Rico and Hawaii to build naval bases. The No. 1 reason why Hawaii was the only one of those places to become a state was how Americanized it already was in 1898, because of the missionaries who had been there since the 1830s. After a meeting with the missionary boys who collaborated with the Americans to overthrow the queen of Hawaii, the American minister wrote to Washington, "The Hawaiian pear is now ready to be plucked." So this is the story of that ripening.

Assassination Staycation

D.C. first captured Vowell's imagination during her early '90s stint as a Smithsonian intern. "I loved to go to the Mall on my lunch hour and watch the runners go by and just wonder about them. You know, 'This person could be making decisions about Libya,'" she says. "'Or about wheat futures.'"

The area later provided ample fodder for the Abraham Lincoln portions of "Assassination Vacation." One of her favorite spots is the District's National Museum of Health and Medicine (Nmhm.washingtondc.museum) — a can't-miss destination where fragments of Abe's skull are on view. She also likes Ford's Theatre, where he was shot in 1865.

One of Vowell's favorite spots is the National Museum of Health and Medicine, where fragments of Lincoln's skull are on view.

Maryland — where, she notes, the state song still calls Lincoln a "despot" — is "chockablock with John Wilkes Booth history." Vowell visited the Waldorf home of Samuel A. Mudd (www.somd.lib.md.us/MUSEUMS/Mudd.htm), the doctor who treated an injured Booth after he shot Lincoln, and the Surratt House in Clinton (Surratt.org), where Mary Surratt conspired with Booth and the Confederate underground. (She became the first woman executed by the U.S. government.)

Vowell's research also led her to Port Royal, Va., where she stopped at "a weird little shrine to John Wilkes Booth where he died." "It's kind of creepy to see a shrine to a murderer, and a very racist one at that," she says. JESSICA ROAKE

The Encyclopedia Vowellia

THOUGH 'UNFAMILIAR FISHES' IS A FINE BOOK, WE SUGGEST NEWBIES START OUT WITH SOME OF HER LIGHTER WORK.

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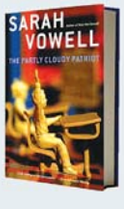
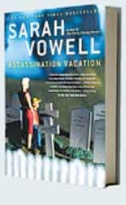


"The Partly Cloudy Patriot" — essays on topics such as Rosa Parks, Canadians and Tom Cruise — is the ideal entree to Vowell's oeuvre. You'll get a healthy dose of history without feeling like you're reading a textbook. It's all delivered with her trademark snark.



"Assassination Vacation," from 2005, is Vowell's best book, in our opinion. It's about her cross-country trip to visit every site she could find that's related to America's first three presidential homicides (Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield and William McKinley). It'll surprise you how funny death can be.

LISTEN

The deadpan Vowell is a frequent contributor to the public radio show "This American Life." Our favorite is her segment of the episode "Guns," in which the avowed supporter of gun control recalls helping her gunsmith dad fire a homemade cannon. Also powerful is "Trail of Tears": Vowell and her sister follow the path their Cherokee predecessors took after Andrew Jackson kicked them out of the Southeast. All her appearances are at Thisamericanlife.org/contributors/sarah-vowell.

WATCH

Vowell's many appearances on "The Daily Show," "Late Show With David Letterman" and "The Rachel Maddow Show" are easily YouTube-able. She tends to be quiet and serious on TV, so don't expect hilarity. More fun: Her performance in "The Incredibles," in which she lends her signature squeak to supertween Violet, right. Angst never sounded so high-pitched.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Finding Light in a Dark World

George Ault captured the pervasive anxiety of World War II-era Americans at home

Museums

There are no figures, human or otherwise, in George Ault's 1946 painting "Bright Light at Russell's Corners." Nor is there any activity or movement, nothing to convey a story or an event. Instead, there is just a simple barn, a house, a lone streetlamp, an impossibly black night sky and an unnerving stillness.

Yet this image — so forlornly empty and so stunningly precise — conveys the deep sadness of America during the 1940s, before and during World War II, according to Yale University art historian Alexander Nemerov. "Ault said he had something to say beyond himself," he says, "which I think means he actually could say something about his times, about what it was like to be alive then."

Ault's five depictions of Russell's Corners — an intersection near his Woodstock, N.Y., home — are the centerpiece of the exhibition "To Make a World: George Ault and 1940s America," which Nemerov curated for the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Works by another 22 artists echo Ault's tense, quiet homefront, but there's no question that the Russell's Corners series is the star attraction.

> **"He wants his art to shine out for us in a dark time, as the light shines at that intersection."**
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> — **ALEXANDER NEMEROV,** CURATOR OF "TO MAKE A WORLD"

GEORGE AULT

"Bright Light at Russell's Corners" embodies the melancholy in George Ault's work.

"The show," he says, "exists not merely to celebrate Ault as a painter but also to honor his achievement for giving us a view of the 1940s that we don't expect, beyond Rosie the Riveter and 'Accent-u-ate the Positive.' There's something a bit dark and melancholy about that era, and Ault is really one of the most wondrous and sensitive expositors of that sensibility."

A "curmudgeonly and irritable" recluse, Ault, who died in 1948, would seem an unlikely artist to capture that uncertain time in America. Yet he had "something compassionate to offer with respect to his fellow citizens," Nemerov says.

"On one hand, this guy was a real misanthrope, and on the other, there is what I've increasingly come to understand as the total generosity of his art, the way it is always aware of the fates of people. He wants his art to shine out for us in a dark time, as the light shines at the intersection of that crossroads." **STEPHEN M. DEUSNER**

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Grunge Group on the Rebound

The kings of the '90s' best breakup tunes get back together

Reunions

If you were old enough to get dumped in the '90s, chances are Sebadoh had a song for you. The group fashioned a career writing the grunge era's best breakup songs. On albums such as "III" and "Bubble & Scrape," they swerved between defiant she-loves-me-nots and bittersweet lo-fi confessionals, becoming heroes to sensitive freshmen.

But by the end of the decade, the band's chief songwriter, Lou Barlow, admits, the group faced the one breakup it hadn't thought to set to music — the kind in which the fans disappear.

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From left: Robert D'Amico, Lou Barlow and Jason Loewenstein revived Sebadoh.

"We had gone from playing sold-out shows to playing to 10 or 20 people within a span of two years," Barlow says. "By the time 2000 rolled around, it was pretty clear nobody liked us." In other words, Sebadoh's audience had graduated from college.

Sebadoh didn't break up so much as drift apart. Band members went on to other projects and other groups. Bassist/drummer Jason Loewenstein joined the Fiery Furnaces.

"It was definitely hard," Barlow says. He had a bit part as a musician in the 2002 drama "Laurel Canyon" and released two intimate solo albums. Only diehard Sebadoh fans paid attention. The rest embraced the 2005 reunion of Barlow's other seminal band, Dinosaur Jr.

Maybe Barlow just had to wait for his fans to start getting divorces. In 2007, with the reissues of its first few albums, Sebadoh reunited and the audiences came back. With this latest tour, the band (Loewenstein, Barlow and new member Bob D'Amico) is playing songs from 1994's "Bakesale" and 1996's "Harmacy"; both will be re-released this year.

Now married with children, Barlow doesn't see those old songs as just breakup anthems. He never did: "In all of them, I took care to create a balance — like seeing two sides of a story. When we play these shows, there's just a lot of goodwill. We're kind of all on the same side right away." **JASON CHERKIS**

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Wrestling With What's Right

In 'Win Win,' director Tom McCarthy asks whether the ends justify the means

Screen

Tom McCarthy makes movies without villains. His previous works — 2003's "The Station Agent" and 2007's "The Visitors" — are, like the new release "Win Win," mostly about nice people trying to do the right thing. Or, at least, the not-wrong thing.

In "Win Win," Paul Giamatti plays Mike Flaherty, a lawyer specializing in elder care who's watching his business slowly evaporate. Through technically legal but certainly skeevy maneuvering, Flaherty finds a way to make a little more money off a doddering client. As an added bonus, the man's grandson, Kyle (played by Alex Shaffer, a champion high school wrestler with no previous acting experience), turns out to be just what the high school wrestling team Flaherty coaches needs: a ringer.

Though Flaherty plays fast and loose with his moral code, his actions to have benefits. He keeps his family's finances above water, and Kyle, a runaway, finds a home, both with the Flaherty clan and on the team.

But to McCarthy, wrong is wrong. "Everyone who does something illegal or immoral thinks they have good reasons for doing it. The guys who screwed up Wall Street thought they had good reasons, too," he says.

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In non-morally relativistic news, McCarthy created the hometown feel of the film by shooting in New Jersey and casting some — though not many — non-actors in addition to Shaffer. Flaherty's next-door neighbor, for instance: "That woman just lived across the street from where we were shooting. And we asked her if she wanted to be in the movie."

When it came to finding the right Kyle, McCarthy had to decide: Actor or wrestler? "When I saw Alex, I realized I had to have a wrestler," he says. "We could teach him how to act, but we couldn't teach an actor to wrestle like Alex can."

McCarthy chose wrestling — rather than, say, baseball — because it mirrors the team spirit of Flaherty's suburban community, where characters' quirks, talents and foibles coalesce into one functioning whole.

"You can really win matches with one very good wrestler. And on the other hand, you have a kid like Stemler [the team's worst wrestler] who just does the best he can. But he can still make a difference."

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Tom McCarthy, left, directs actors Paul Giamatti and Alex Shaffer in "Win Win."

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Bradley Cooper and Abbie Cornish demonstrate a great way to catch a cold.

1 Limitless
"Limitless" is a heck of a ride. On the way to its unpredictable conclusion, it is entertaining, a little silly and visually dazzling. You can take your eyes off the screen, but why would you want to?

2 Rango
A sun-baked symphony of rust and dust, "Rango" has a spiky, unsentimental appeal, sending out slightly risque jokes to parents while staying safely out of the danger zone for kids. And for a cartoon, it possesses perhaps the most unlikely added value of all: authenticity.

3 Battle: Los Angeles
The repetitive point-and-shoot story line suggests an M-rated video game, but the movie's irony-free outlook is closer to World War II B-movies. So are its lack of humor and embrace of cliche.

4 The Lincoln Lawyer
This film just may have the makings of a terrific franchise, if only because it finds Matthew McConaughey so clearly in his comfort zone after a string of forgettable romantic comedies and action pictures.

5 Paul
Much of its broad, juvenile humor comes from the sight of this little green man as he spouts a torrent of unprintable Anglo-Saxonisms in between swigs of beer.

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Thanapat Saisaymar in "Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives."

Putting the Monkey Ghost Back in Funeral

Funerals often make for great movies because they involve assessing one's own life, pondering the meaning of existence in general and, often, drinking heavily. Embrace the genre of the near-dying with "Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives," a Thai movie coming to the AFI Silver on Friday, for one week only. Dying of kidney failure, Uncle Boonmee (Thanapat Saisaymar) is visited by the ghost of his dead wife and by his long-lost son, who appears in the form of a monkey ghost. Boonmee undertakes a journey to the cave where his first life began, and we all learn a lesson about how monkeys make death a much more appealing prospect. The film won the Palme d'Or at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival and was Thailand's entry into this past year's Oscar race. It's in Thai with English subtitles.

Bring in the Noise

Silent movies were never really silent. They were usually accompanied by an orchestra, a lone organist or that obnoxious person behind you who would not stop asking moronic questions about the plot when if he'd just shut up for a second, the answer would appear on the screen. On Sunday at 3 p.m., Alfred Hitchcock's "Blackmail" screens as Hitch intended: with a dramatic, live soundtrack. Alloy Orchestra, a roving, three-man ensemble based in Cambridge, Mass., provides its own original score, using electronic synthesizers in addition to an array of traditional and not-so-traditional instruments. Released in 1929, Hitchcock pulled a James Cameron and re-released "Blackmail" as a talkie once the technology for sound pictures became more widely available. So it's both his last silent film and his first talkie, both released in the same year. Tickets are $20. ▶ *AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-3720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)*

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On the one hand, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus is breathtaking — acrobats, contortionists, motocross and a woman who hangs by her hair. On the other, your child might decide he wants to run away and be a circus performer, and then you'll always worry, because he's allergic to peanuts. ➜ *Verizon Center, 601 F St. NW; Thu.-Sun., $14-$110; Verizoncenter.com. (Gallery Place)*

2 Against the Odds

We're suspicious of memoirs — are they true? They'd better be true. Mark Richard's latest, "House of Prayer No. 2," starts during the author's Southern Gothic childhood, when he was told he would be in a wheelchair for life. He wasn't, and went on to hold an array of job titles, including ditchdigger and PI. The book's written in second person, so expect to empathize, you. ➜ *Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sun., 1 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, Politics-prose.com. (Van Ness)*

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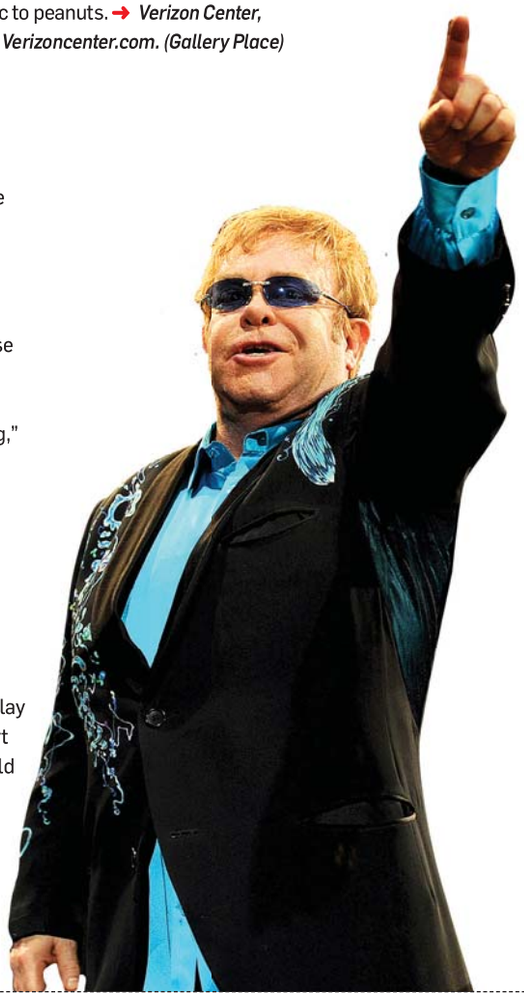
3 Modern Traditions

Paul Taylor is modern dance royalty — he learned from Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham, and went on to train Twyla Tharp — and when you watch his work, you see Tharp's playfulness and Graham's sense of style. His company is swinging through D.C. to perform three recent pieces, one of which, the vaudeville-inspired "Also Playing," involves a tap-dancing horse. (Not a real one.) ➜ *Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Thu., 8 p.m., $22-$65; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)*



4 Happy Birthday, Sir Elton John

Sure, Sir Elton John will probably play mostly his old catalog at his concert in Baltimore this weekend. The man is 63 years old (64 on Friday!); let him rest on his laurels for a minute. If you yell questions loud enough, perhaps he'll explain the lyrics to "Bennie and the Jets." ➜ *1st Mariner Arena, 201 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore; Sat., 8 p.m., $29-$145; 410-347-2020, Baltimorearena.com.*

5 No, There Isn't A Horn Section

The Mountain Goats certainly invited cruel critical barbs by choosing that name when their singer has a rather bleating voice, but they make up for the obvious jokes by writing unexpected songs. Frontman John Darnielle, right (with Peter Hughes), writes insightfully about religion, love, family and prehistoric animals. ➜ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., $23; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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THURSDAY

Birchmere: Robert Earl Keen, Reckless Kelly, $39.50.
Black Cat: Black Joe Lewis & the Honey Bears, Those Darlins, $15.
Blues Alley: Kevin Eubanks, $30.
Comet Ping Pong: Street Chant, Tog, Lenorable, free.
DAR Constitution Hall: Janet Jackson, 8 p.m., $68-$149.
DC9: Hey Rosetta!, Being Born Rich, Ms.Fridrich, $10.
Iota: John Doe and Jill Sobule, $17.
Jaxx: A. Murph, mrzeke, Ace Reign, alleyway G.$.$, Ardamus, Cal Cutta, Da Money-Dogg, Day Deuce, High Off Life, Infearion, Jay Dollar, K.I.D., Kid-Kash, King Kan, Kle, Lil Bill, LoRenzo Luciano, Mateus, Product, R'moni XL, Soncier, Work, World of Light, $9 in advance, $12 at the door.
Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: The Perlman Music Program, 7:30 p.m., $50.
Kennedy Center/Millennium Stage: Sonia Szajnberg, Zaccai Curtis, 6 p.m., free.
Rams Head Tavern: Stephen Bishop, $39.50.
Red Palace: OFF!, Trash Talk, Nervous Impulse, $15.
Rock & Roll Hotel: Fujiya & Miyagi, Brahms, Warm Ghost, $14.
State Theatre: Here Come the Mummies, $20.
Twins Jazz: Renee Edward, $10.
U Street Music Hall: Marc Romboy & Stephan Bodzin, Jubilee, $10.
Velvet Lounge: Foul Swoops, Ice Cream, Teen Mom, $7.

FRIDAY

9:30 Club: The Mountain Goats, $22.50.
Birchmere: Peter Wolf, $29.50.
Black Cat: The Joy Formidable, Mona, the Lonely Forest, $13 in advance, $15 at the door; DJ Beta-G, 9:30 p.m., $7.
DC9: Liberation Dance Party, $7.
George Washington University/Lisner Auditorium: Gal Costa, 8 p.m., $25-$50.
Iota: Vetiver, Sarah Lee Guthrie and Johnny Irion, $15.
Jammin' Java: Ron Sexsmith, Caitlin

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Rose, 8 p.m., $18.

Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: Barbara Cook's Spotlight: Ashley Brown, 7:30 p.m., $45.

Music Center at Strathmore: Naturally 7, 8 p.m., $22.50-$45.

Rams Head Tavern: Tom Rush, $30.

Red Palace: Pissed Jeans, Heks Orkest, Regents, $10.

Rock & Roll Hotel: Asobi Seksu, Cults, Sun Airway, $14; DJs Stereo Faith and Trevor Martin, 9:30 p.m., free.

State Theatre: Mike Gordon, $20.

Twins Jazz: Nasar Abadey, Allyn Johnson, James King, $15.

U Street Music Hall: Ultra Nate, Lisa Moody, $10, free before 11 p.m. for ages 21 and older.

Velvet Lounge: The Courtesans, $8.

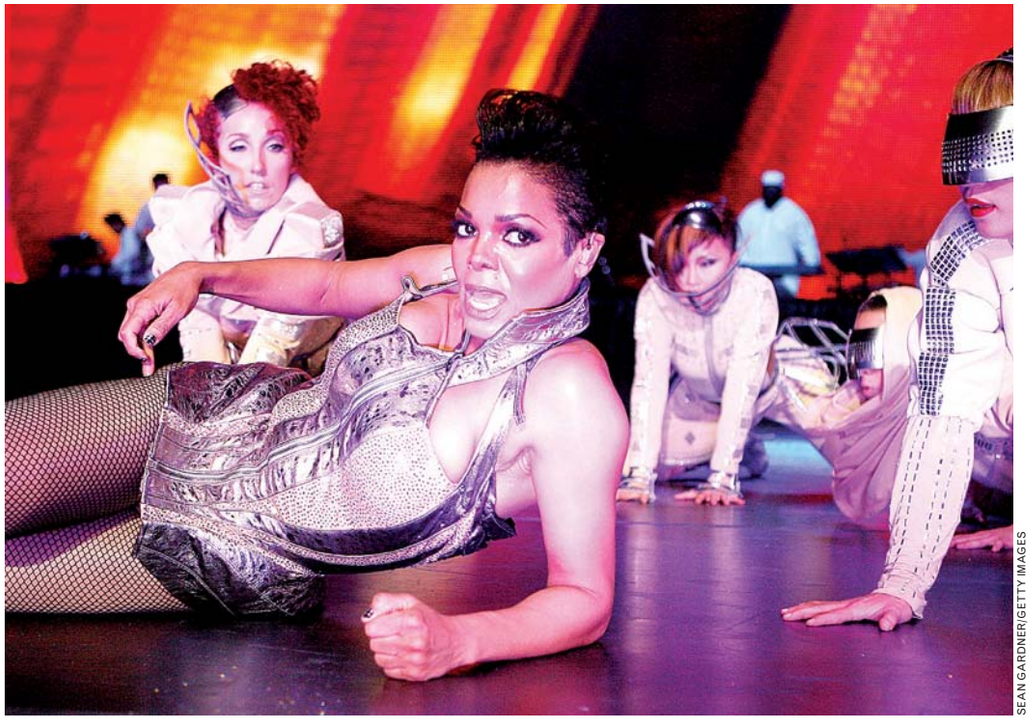
SATURDAY

Birchmere: Tom Rush, $35.

Black Cat: Sebadoh, Richard Buckner, $18 in advance, $20 at the door; "Razzmatazz," 9:30 p.m., $5.

DC9: Throwdown Syndicate, the Glenmont Popes, the New Retro, Dave Linantud, $8.

Rhythm Nation



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ALL FOR D.C.: Janet Jackson likes Washington so much, she's dedicated a song to our fair city. "I Get Lonely," from "Velvet Rope," will be just one of the many hits the pop icon runs through as part of her "Number Ones: Up Close and Personal" tour, which is at Constitution Hall tonight. If you missed her spectacle of a show on Tuesday, don't miss out again.

George Washington University/ Lisner Auditorium: Jil Aigrot, 8 p.m., $25-$45.

Iota: Harper Blynn, the Damnwells, Howard Jennings, $12.

Jammin' Java: Balawan, 1 p.m., $10, free for ages 7 and younger.

Jaxx: Spark to Inferno, Marilyn Is Dead, From Atlantis, Camisado, With Lying Eyes, Delirium Voltage, Fusebox Poet, Friends of Fiends, Eclipse of Solace, 5:15 p.m., $10 in advance, $12 at the door; "Electro Circus Dance Night."

Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: Bowen McCauley Dance, 7:30 p.m., $36.

Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: Jazz: Branford Marsalis Quartet and Terence Blanchard Quintet, 8 p.m., sold out.

Music Center at Strathmore: Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m.

Rams Head Tavern: "Tribute to the Byrds," $25; Bob Schneider, 1 p.m., $23.50.

Red Palace: Kevin Devine, River City Extension, $10 in advance, $12 at the door.

Rock & Roll Hotel: DJ the Metaphysical, 9:30 p.m., free; Nunchucks, Cobra Collective, Loose Lips, Honey

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Velvet Lounge: The Last Monarchs, Dreamscapes Project, $8.
Wolf Trap/Filene Center: Jeff Caldwell, Max Alexander, Mike Eagan, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., $25.

SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Omar Rodriguez Lopez Group, Zechs Marquise, $20.
Birchmere: Over the Rhine, Lucy Wainwright Roche, $25.
Comet Ping Pong: Wild Yaks, Lil Daggers, Jacuzzi Boys, Jeff and the Brotherhood, Fergus & Geronimo, $10.
DC9: An Horse, Prisms, Bake Sale, $10.
Iota: Andy Zipf, Blackjacks, Rene Moffat, $12.
Jammin' Java: David Lindley, $20 in advance, $25 at the door; Moona Luna, 10:30 a.m., $8 for everyone 1 year and older.
Jaxx: Silent Civilian, Yesterday's Saints, Seelow Heights, $10 in advance, $12 at the door.
Kennedy Center/Concert Hall: "The Trumpet of the Swan: A Novel Symphony," $15-$18.
Music Center at Strathmore: "Zoo-Zoo," 2 p.m., $15-$35.
Rams Head Tavern: The Kingston Trio, $50.
Red Palace: Typefighter, $8.
Rock & Roll Hotel: Family Portrait, the Twerps, Get a Tan, $10.
Twins Jazz: Reginald Cyntje, 3 p.m., $25; Rodney Richardson Quartet, $5.
U Street Music Hall: Philadelphia Freeway, SmCITY, Black Cobain, Kingpen Slim, $18 in advance, $20 at the door.

MONDAY

Birchmere: Bob Schneider, Olivia Mancini, $25.
Black Cat: Lost in the Trees, $10 in advance, $12 at the door.
Blues Alley: U-Nam, $25.
Bohemian Caverns: Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra, $7.
DC9: Trophy Wives, Phonic Riot, $8.
Iota: Ted Garber, Margot MacDonald, $10.
Kennedy Center/Terrace Theater: "From Jail to Yale: Serving Time on Stage," 7:30 p.m., $50-$100.
Rams Head Tavern: Dave Mason, $49.50.

From Wales to Washington

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FRIZZY AND FUZZY: Friday's show at the Black Cat will be a bit of a homecoming for the Joy Formidable's lead singer, Ritzy Bryan, pictured. The Wales native lived in D.C. briefly before the fuzzy dance-pop band fully formed.

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Alliance Francaise: "Postcards from France," collages of images of Paris made by artist Deborah Saks, through April 1. 2142 Wyoming Ave. NW; 202-234-7911, Francedc.org.
Arlington Arts Center: "New Blood," works by nine new artists added to the center's residency program, through April 3. "On the Road," work by artists who prefer to create their work outside of the studio, through April 2. 3550

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→ **BIRCHMERE:** 3701 MOUNT VERNON AVE., ALEXANDRIA; 703-549-7500, BIRCHMERE.COM.
→ **BLACK CAT:** 1811 14TH ST. NW; 202-667-4490, BLACKCATDC.COM.
→ **BLUES ALLEY:** 1073 WISCONSIN AVE. NW (REAR); 202-337-4141, BLUESALLEY.COM.
→ **COMET PING PONG:** 5037 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW; 202-364-0404, COMETPINGPONG.COM.
→ **IOTA CLUB & CAFE:** 2832 WILSON BLVD., ARLINGTON; 703-522-8340, IOTACLUBANDCAFE.COM.
→ **JAMMIN' JAVA:** 227 MAPLE AVE. E., VIENNA, VA.; 703-255-1566, JAMMINJAVA.COM.
→ **KENNEDY CENTER:** 2700 F ST. NW; 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324, KENNEDY-CENTER.ORG.
→ **MUSIC CENTER AT STRATHMORE:** 5301 TUCKERMAN LANE, NORTH BETHESDA, MD.; 301-581-5100, STRATHMORE.ORG.
→ **RAMS HEAD TAVERN:** 33 WEST ST., ANNAPOLIS, MD.; 410-268-4545, RAMSHEADTAVERN.COM.
→ **RED PALACE:** 1210 H ST. NE; 202-399-3201, REDPALACEDC.COM.
→ **ROCK & ROLL HOTEL:** 1353 H ST. NE; 202-388-7625, ROCKANDROLLHOTELDC.COM.
→ **TWINS JAZZ:** 1344 U ST. NW; 202-234-0072, TWINSJAZZ.COM.
→ **U STREET MUSIC HALL:** 1115 U ST. NW; 202-588-1880, USTREETMUSICHALL.COM.
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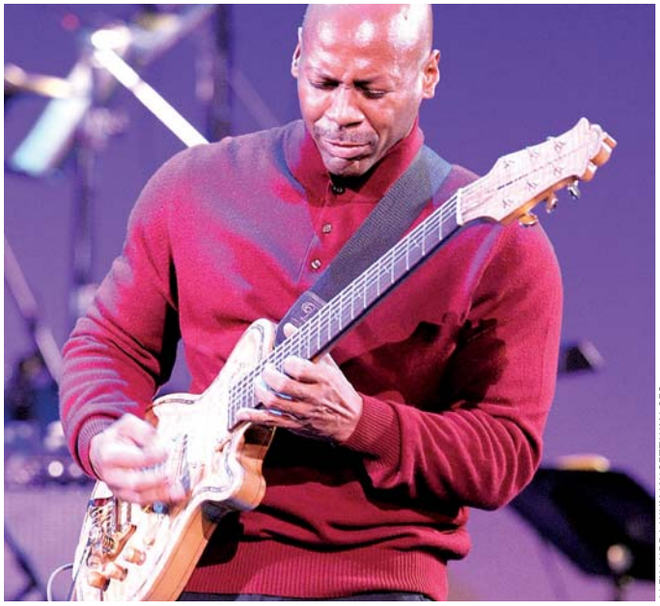

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LATE-NIGHT JAZZ: Kevin Eubanks didn't leave his post as Jay Leno's bandleader because he was mad about the Conan O'Brien situation — he wanted to focus on his own fusion jazz. He'll take up residence at Blues Alley this weekend.

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Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-248-6800, Arlingtonartscenter.org.

Art Museum of the Americas: "Corridor," works by Baltimore and Washington artists, through May 22. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-6016, Museum.oas.org.

Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Echoes of the Past: The Buddhist Cave Temples of Xiangtangshan," sixth-century Chinese Buddhist sculpture and 3-D recreations of mountain caves, through July 31. "Perspectives: Lu Chunsheng," a movie, titled "History of Chemistry I," by Lu Chunsheng, in which a group of men wander the seashore to an abandoned steel factory, through July 17. "Shahnama: 1000 Years of the Persian Book of Kings," illustrations from the Shahnama, which tells the story of Iran up until the conquest of Islam, and paintings it has inspired, through April 17. "The Orchid in Chinese Painting," the orchid has been a subject of fascination for Chinese painters since the dawn of the Song dynasty in the 10th century, and this collection of 15 paintings ranges from the 15th through the 19th centuries, in which the orchid is used to symbolize friendship, loyalty and patriotism, through July 17. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Carroll Square Gallery: "Open Source," works by the students and faculty at George Mason University's School of Art, Thu. and Fri. 975 F St. NW; 202-624-8643.

Edison Place Gallery: "A Room Of Our Own," more than 50 images 18 members of f11, A Women's Photography Collective, through April 1. 702 Eighth St. NW; 202-872-3396.

LAST CHANCE Flashpoint: "Standing Atop the Ladder," a mixed-media exhibit by Juan Tejedor using sculpture and works on paper to reference mapping and topography, as well as public transit routes, star systems and bird migration paths, Thu.-Sat. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

Folger Shakespeare Library: "Beyond Home Remedy: Women, Medicine, and Science," an exhibit chronicling the history of health-care practices performed by women. Artifacts include a cookbook used by Martha Washington, tools used in childbirth and old specimens, through May 30. 201 East Capitol St. SE; 202-544-4600, Folger.edu.

LAST CHANCE Foundry Gallery: "Touch Points," works by watercolor painter Katherine Blakeslee, Thu.-Sun. 1314 18th St. NW; 202-463-0203.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Ancient Chinese Jades and Bronzes," more than 100 pieces in jade and bronze showing

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MADE OF WIN: Does this photography exhibit make me look fat? Yes, it does. The Newseum exhibit "Athlete: The Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss" is full of the seriously fit people Iooss has shot over his 50-year career. This Hawaiian surfer dude doesn't begin to do justice to all the rippling muscles on display until April 3.

the Liangzhu culture and its impact on future art, "Arts of Japan," springtime cherry blossoms and cherry maples are only a small sample of how the seasons influence Japanese art, through March 4, 2012. "Chinamania: Whistler and the Victorian Craze for Blue and White," the 23 pieces in this small exhibit include blue-and-white Chinese ceramic dishes, as well as drawings, paintings and etchings by James McNeill Whistler, the American expatriate who helped popularize Chinese porcelain in Victorian England, through Aug. 1. "Japanese Screens," part of the museum's ongoing "Seasons" exhibition, a rotating set of screens painted to match different times of year, through Jan. 22, 2012. "Tea," from stoneware to porcelain, tea utensils demonstrate the changing of the seasons, through March 4, 2012. "Arts of Japan" Tour, a tour of Japanese art on display at the Freer and Sackler galleries, Sat. and Sun., 1 p.m.Jefferson Drive and 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, Asia.si.edu.

LAST CHANCE Gallery 555: "Landscapes: Big & Small," abstract paintings by Georgia Nassikas, oil paintings by Ellen Sinel and wood sculpture by Bruce Fransen, Thu.-Sun. 555 12th St. NW; 202-393-1409, Gallery555dc.com.

LAST CHANCE Hemphill: "Viewing Room," paper, prints, photographs by Steven Cushner, Godfrey Frankel, Franz Jantzen, Al Jensen, Martin Puryear, Robert Rauschenberg, Tanya Marcuse, Alma Thomas and others. Paintings and mixed media by William Christenberry, Thomas Downing, Robin Rose, Tom Sachs and others, Thu.-Sat. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, Hemphillfinearts.com.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden: "Blinky Palermo: Retrospective 1964-1977," the first comprehensive survey of the German postwar painter's work demonstrates a keen mastery of the Modernist technique, through May 15. "Directions: Mario Garcia Torres and Cyprien Gaillard," the two artists examine recent art to investigate the impact and foundation on today's artists and cultural thinking, through Sun. Seventh Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Hirshhorn.si.edu.

Historical Society of Washington: "Choosing to Participate," Facing History and Ourselves, an educational nonprofit organization, presents a traveling collection of photos and installations about democratic society and prejudice, through June 17. 801 K St. NW; 202-383-1850, Historydc.org.

Honfleur: "Try a Little Tenderness as Painful as It Seems," works by Canadian artist Ben Skinner that focus on the Anacostia, through April 8. 1241 Good Hope Road SE; 202-536-8994, Honfleurgallery.com.

International Visions: "Interconnected," artist Stan Squirewell creates work that focuses on the powerful and the powerless, through April 23. 2629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine: "Image/Fame/Memory," pictures by four famous photographers known for their iconic images of famous people, through April 16. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767, Irvinecontemporary.com.

Jerusalem Fund: "Glimpse," photog-

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Two Shopping Carts Passing in the Night

SOFIA SILVA

LONELY CARTS CLUB: "Store Losing," a photograph by Baltimore artist Sofia Silva, is one of the works featured in "Corridor," an exhibition of work by area talents. It opens Thursday at the Art Museum of the Americas.

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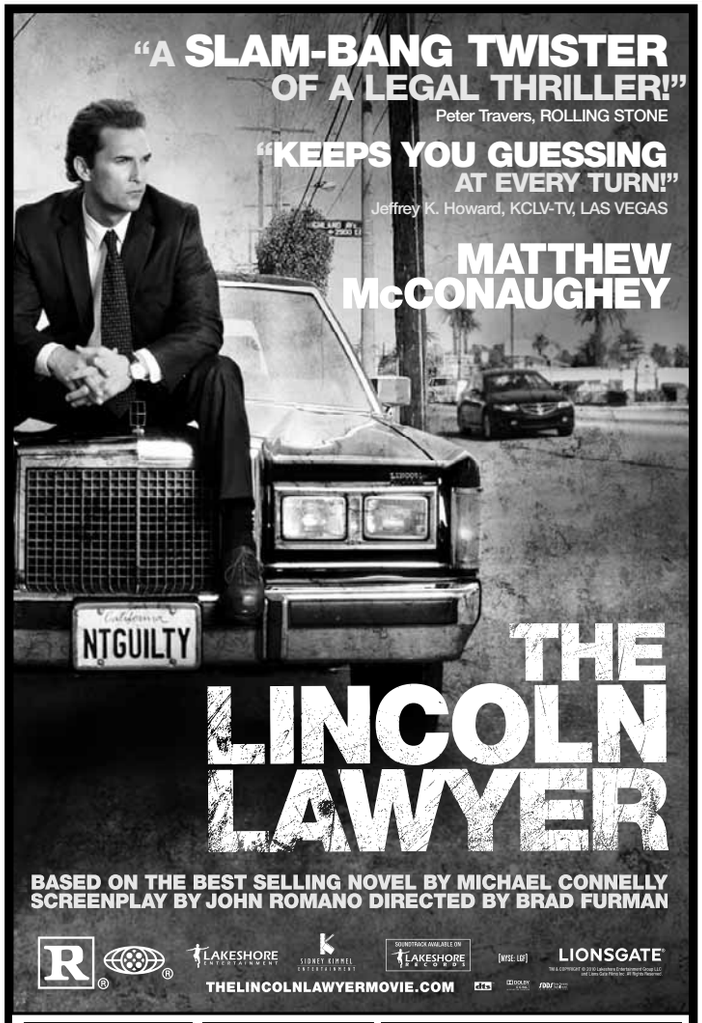
National Academy of Sciences, Keck Center: "Art & Science," an exhibit highlighting the artwork collection by the National Academy of Sciences, on display by appointment only, through April 2. "Art and Science: Highlights From the Collection of the National Academy of Sciences," a display of artwork that explores the melding of arts and sciences, by appointment only, through April 2, 2012. 500 Fifth St. NW; 202-334-2436, Nationalacademies.org/arts.

National Air and Space Museum: "Barron Hilton: Pioneers of Flight Gallery," the museum's exhibit of aviation and rocketry in the 1920s and '30s reopened with additional artifacts, such as Anne Lindbergh's telegraph key, and hands-on activities for kids, "Beyond: Visions of Our Solar System," through May 2. Sixth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Designing Tomorrow: America's World's Fairs of the 1930s," a look at the legacy of the fairs in Chicago, San Diego, Dallas, Cleveland, San Francisco and New York during the Great Depression, through July 10. "Lego Architecture: Towering Ambition," architectural artist Adam Reed Tucker uses Lego blocks to re-create landmarks including the Empire



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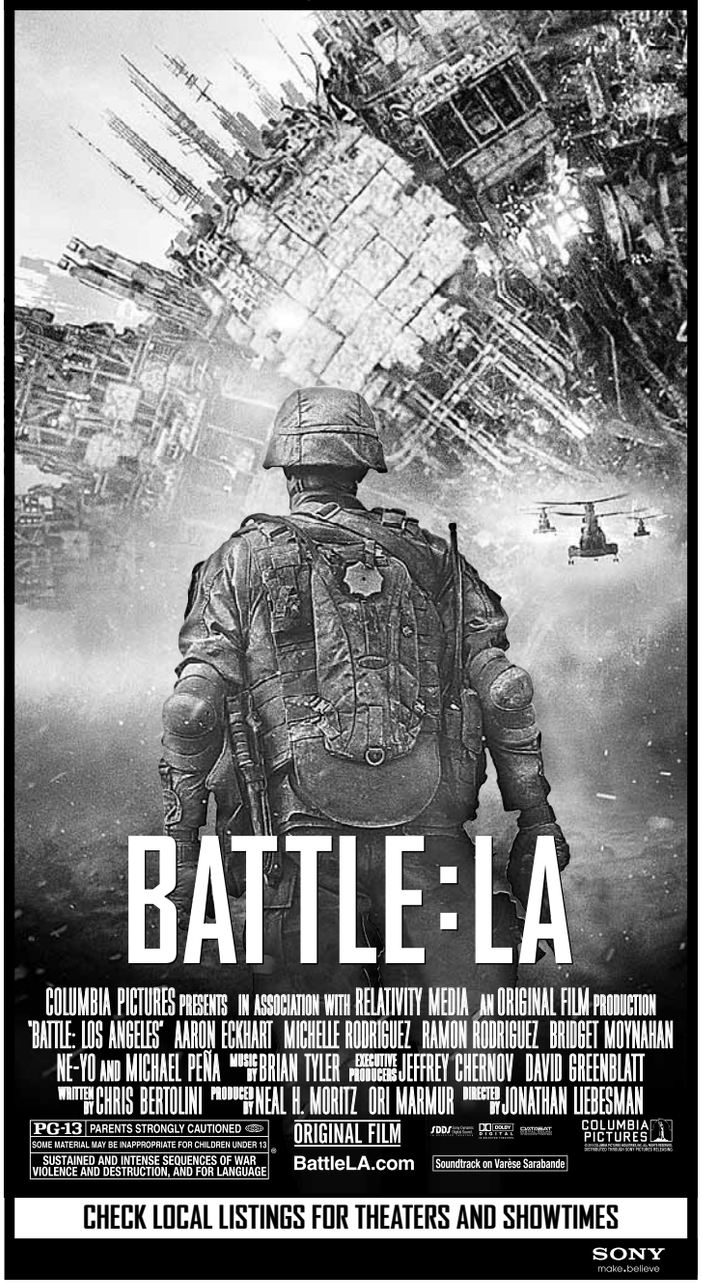

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National Gallery of Art, West Building: "Lewis Baltz: Prototypes/Ronde de Nuit," photographs by Lewis Baltz, and some of the artists who inspired him, that examine the transformation of industrial America, through July 31. Sixth Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, Nga.gov.

National Museum of African Art: "African Mosaic: Celebrating a Decade of Collecting," a collection of 112 objects that represent 10 years of work toward building a permanent collection, through Dec. 11. 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, Africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: "A Gateway to the 19th Century: The William Steinway Diary, 1861-1896," an exhibit on the diary kept by William Steinway, the first president of the piano company Steinway & Sons, that tracks the Civil War and the development of New York City, through April 8. "Holidays on Display," an examination of parading culture and department store retail displays between the 1920s and 1960s; "On the Water: Sto-

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SAM GILLIAM

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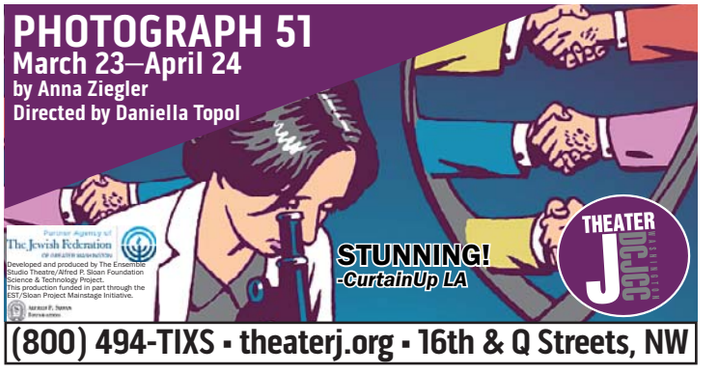

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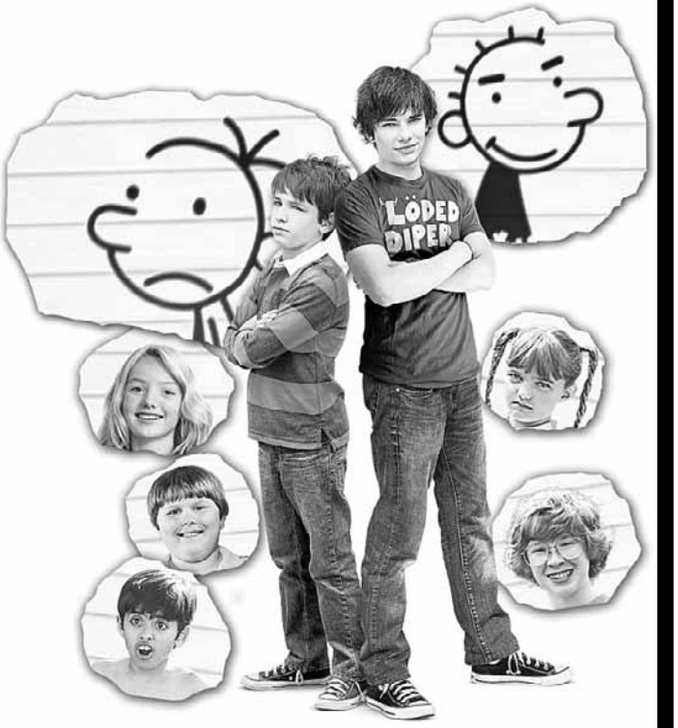

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National Museum of Natural History: "Cyprus: Crossroads of Civilizations," a look at the history of the Mediterranean island over 1,000 years, through May 1. "Hyperbolic Crochet Coral Reef," a recent discovery of geom-

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The View From Down Here

WILLIAM KLEIN

LOOK SHARP: Hemphill Fine Arts' "Viewing Rm." shows off staff favorites; above is William Klein's "Candy Store, New York, 1955." More paintings, mixed media, sculpture, works on paper, photography and video installations await visitors.

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AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCTheatres.com

Just Go With It (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 4:35-7:15-9:50
Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 4:30-7:00-9:30
Cedar Rapids (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 5:00-7:05-9:10
Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 4:00-6:40-9:20
The Fighter (R) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation: 4:20-6:55-9:40
Take Me Home Tonight (R) 4:50-7:10-9:35
The Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 4:40-7:20-9:45
Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 4:10-6:50-9:15

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com

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Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/

The Lincoln Lawyer (R) (!) 5:15-7:45
Limitless (PG-13) (!) 5:30-7:50

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com/

The Fighter (R) 7:30

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com

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Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com

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MARGE ELY/EXPRESS

There's nothing power players enjoy more than inking major deals, except maybe the steak, eggs and pommes frites at Bistro Bis.

Rise & Dine

Groom a candidate, balance the budget or plan a coup the way the Washington bigshots do — over a nice, warm breakfast

If you want to make a deal in D.C., plan to do it first thing in the morning. Politicos, lobbyists and policy wonks see breakfast as prime negotiation time — the calm before the day's onslaught of emails and phone calls begins. The relative quiet and privacy makes the morning meal the natural heir to the louder, rowdier power lunch. "It's a time of day when people are really focused," explains Bistro Bis' chef-owner Jeffrey Buben. "People can meet face to face and talk without being interrupted by all their electronics." If you want to see some heavyweights in action, you will need one piece of gadgetry, though — an alarm clock — because power brokers start early. NEVIN MARTELL

Who Ate Where?

All of these famous power players dined at the spots featured on this page. Can you guess who prefers Seasons to Old Ebbitt? Answers appear below.

Sean Penn

Arnold Schwarzenegger

Amelia Earhart

George Clooney

Hillary Clinton

Charles Lindbergh

Joe Biden

Theodore Roosevelt

Barack Obama

Ulysses S. Grant

Condoleezza RIce

Sinclair Lewis

Bistro Bis

The key to becoming a breakfast hot spot for D.C.'s wheeler-dealers is achieving Swiss-like neutrality. "When we first opened, someone asked if we were a Republican restaurant or a Democratic restaurant," says Buben. "I said, 'Whatever you are, that's what we are.'" Since 1998, his Capitol Hill eatery has served up an apolitical array of start-me-up dishes, including eggs Benedict with pommes frites ($16); the Monte Cristo omelet with ham, gruyere cheese and chives ($14.25); and cinnamon hazelnut French toast ($13.50). No matter what guests order, Buben follows one golden rule: "Get diners coffee right away, because no deal gets very far without it."

***Breakfast served:** 7 to 10 a.m (daily). Bistro Bis, 15 E St. NW; 202-661-2700, Bistrobis.com.*

MARGE ELY/EXPRESS

The Lafayette at The Hay-Adams

Located across the street from the White House, this insiders haven is a longtime favorite of visiting VIPs, though you don't have to have a Secret Service detail to make a reservation. Leak classified information over the cornflakes-crusted cranberry French toast made with focaccia bread and crowned with pear compote and caramel sauce ($16), above. Or prosecute traitors with the help of the buttermilk whole-wheat waffles topped with yogurt ($17) instead.

***Breakfast served:** 6:30 to 11 a.m. (Mon.-Fri.); 7 to 11 a.m. (Sat. and Sun.). The Lafayette, 16th and H streets NW; 202-638-6600, Hayadams.com.*

COURTESY CLYDE'S RESTAURANT GROUP

Old Ebbitt Grill

This D.C. institution began as Washington's first saloon, in what is now Chinatown. After several moves and changes of ownership, Old Ebbitt ended up at its current location on 15th Street NW. Along the way, it's hosted innumerable presidents, dignitaries and celebs. "During inauguration weekend, Morgan Freeman sat at [one of] the most popular tables in the front window," says general manager Christian Guidi. He recommends the oatmeal pancakes, above, or the French toast ($11.95), which comes in flavors such as pumpkin during the fall and strawberry during the summer.

***Breakfast served:** 7:30 to 11 a.m. (Mon.-Fri.); (brunch) 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Sat. and Sun.) Old Ebbitt Grill, 675 15th St. NW; 202-347-4800, Ebbitt.com.*

Seasons

For more than three decades, Seasons has been helping high-profile players keep their business on the down low. "Sometimes we'll know who's going to be appointed before the press [does], because we'll see the deal go down over breakfast," says executive chef Douglas Anderson. While you're waiting to overhear tomorrow's news, order the much-loved lemon ricotta pancakes with slivers of candied lemon peel and warm maple syrup ($17).

***Breakfast served:** 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. (Mon.-Fri,); 7 to 10:30 a.m. (Sat. and Sun.). Seasons, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-342-0444, Foursea-sons.com/washington/dining.*

ANSWERS: PENN-BISTRO BIS; SCHWARZENEGGER-SEASONS; EARHART-LAFAYETTE; CLOONEY-SEASONS; CLINTON-BISTRO BIS; LINDBERGH-LAFAYETTE; BIDEN-BISTRO BIS; ROOSEVELT-OLD EBBITT; OBAMA-BISTRO; GRANT-OLD EBBITT; RICE-SEASONS; LEWIS-LAFAYETTE

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Brgr:shack has six standard burger options, but if none of them appeals, you can build your own. Good luck naming it, though.

The Patty Pushers

Brgr:shack preaches the beefy goodness of gourmet burgers

New Spot

Gourmet burger joints: There's one on every corner, but there's always room for one more. That's the hope of the investors behind 24/7 Good Food Inc., a new local restaurant management group that opened brgr:shack (pronounced "burger shack") on Jan. 31 (and is being sued over the name by the folks behind BGR: The Burger Joint). Gone are the grease-stained ceilings of Eat N Run Deli, a hole-in-the-wall eatery that operated across from the Ballston Metro station for years. In its stead stands this neighborhood spot, complete with a minimalist interior aesthetic of gray, white and orange, pulsing beats and a brand-new grill.

The Vision: There will be no slipping into burger-induced comas here. The 34-seat brgr:shack aims to set itself apart by offering healthier patties. The secret is in the restaurant's 100 percent grass-fed beef (a mixture of chuck and sirloin) that goes into each 6-ounce patty.

Atmosphere

This burger haven happens to also be a pop music lover's heaven; on a recent visit, the soundtrack included Blur's "Song 2" and George Michael's "Freedom." Just shout your order over the tunes and get lost in the lunch crowd, or have a seat and chow down with a clique. Brgr:shack is the best of both worlds — anonymous:social.

Eats: Ask for a fork and knife; these sandwiches — all of which stick with brgr:shack's punctuation-happy naming convention — are stacked high. A popular option is the "fire:me:up" ($7), a burger spiced up with guacamole, jalapenos, pepper jack cheese and chipotle sauce. The "fancy:zola" ($8) is piled with salad greens and finished with gorgonzola; and the "blue:fever" ($7) is smothered in bleu cheese, caramelized onions and mushrooms sauteed in red wine.

There's plenty of room to customize your order; for any of the six sandwich options, you can choose from beef, chicken, turkey or portabello mushroom on a white, wheat or pumpernickel bun. You can also build your own burger from scratch, choosing from standard veggies (lettuce, tomatoes, fresh or caramelized onions) and cheeses (American, Swiss or pepper jack). Then there's Brie and gorgonzola cheeses, applewood-smoked bacon, guacamole and fried egg toppings (each $1 extra).

Still have room for more? Add a side of hand-cut fries made from white ($2.50) or sweet potatoes ($3.50) and dusted with a secret house seasoning.

Drinks: Thick, whipped-cream-topped milk shakes ($4 for a small, $5 for a large) make decadent additions to your meal. The Nutella is a hazelnutty concoction garnished with cinnamon-roasted fried bananas. Nostalgic sippers will appreciate classic single-flavor options such as chocolate, vanilla, strawberry and coffee. Or flush down the fancy fast-food feast with a bottle of Mexican Coca-Cola ($2) made with real cane sugar and have some fizz with your sweet, sweet high.

STEPHANIE KANOWITZ

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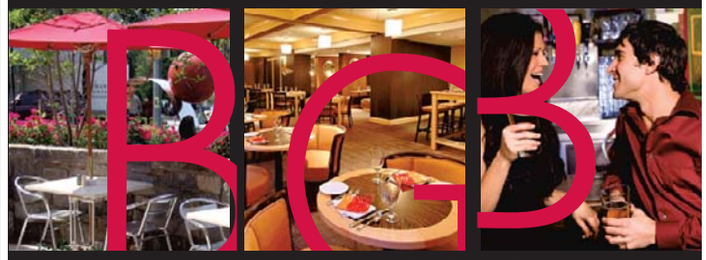

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National Museum of the American Indian: "R.C. Gorman: Early Prints and Drawings, 1966-1974," an exhibition of 28 lithographs and drawings by R.C. Gorman, a Navajo artist, through May 1. "Vantage Point: The Contemporary Native Art Collection," a look at the museum's contemporary art, including paintings, drawings and photographs, examining the past and present of Native Americans, through Aug. 7. Fourth Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, Nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Eye Wonder: Photography From the Bank of America Collection," more than 100 photographs by Berenice Abbott, Margaret Bourke-White, Candida Hofer, Graciela Iturbide, Hellen van Meene and others, punctuated with offbeat subjects and extreme close-ups, through May 22. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, Nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "Americans Now," the National Portrait Gallery surveys the past 10 years in popular culture with a collection of portraits depicting individuals from sports, politics and entertainment. Portraits include the president and first lady, Cormac McCarthy, Martha Stewart, Willie Nelson, Michael Eisner and Toni Morrison, through June 19. "Calder's Portraits: A New Language," portraits of Josephine Baker, Babe Ruth, Charles Lindbergh and others by the famed mobile-maker, through Aug. 14. "Glimpse of the Past: A Neighborhood Evolves," a photographic exploration of the neighborhood surrounding the Patent Office Building, one of the oldest federal buildings in Washington,

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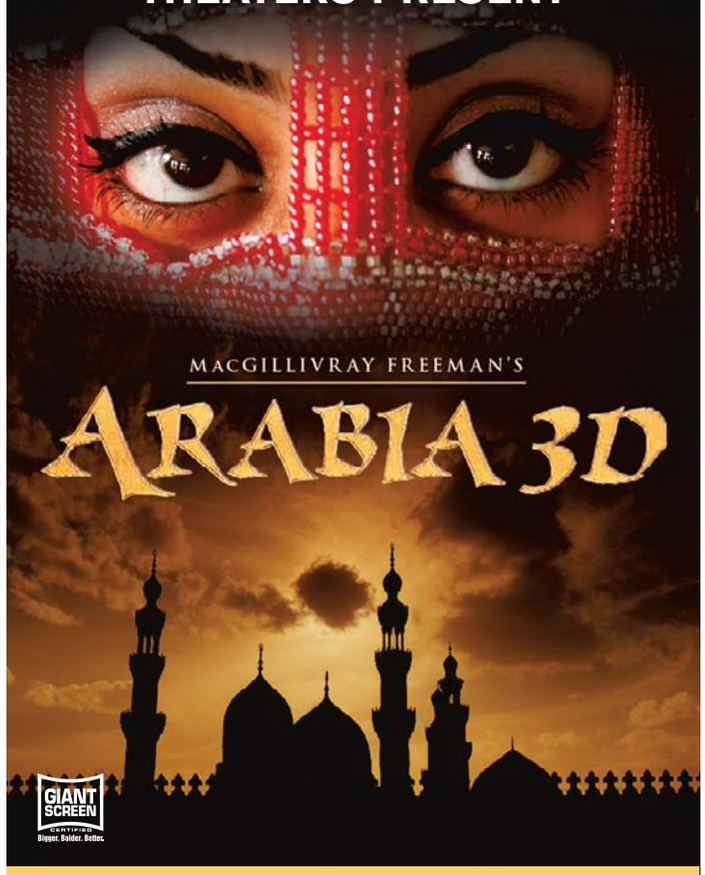

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Artists Talk: ***Everything Old is New Again***

Saturday, March 26, 10:30a.m.

Curator **Nicholas Bell** leads a roundtable discussion with 2011 Renwick Craft Invitational artists **Cliff Lee**, **Matthias Pliessnig**, **Judith Schaechter**, and **Ubaldo Vitali**. Hear how these artists create works of superior craftsmanship while still embracing a contemporary aesthetic. **McEvoy Auditorium, Free**

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Upper left: Cliff Lee, *Teardrop,* porcelain, imperial yellow glaze, 2001; porcelain, oxblood glaze, 2001; porcelain, *chun* blue glaze, 2004, collection of the artist. Upper right: Ubaldo Vitali, *Triple Wave Pitcher*, 1999, silver, ebony, collection of the artist. Lower right: Judith Schaechter, *A Little Torcher,* 1990, glass, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Gift of the James Renwick Alliance and museum purchase through the Smithsonian Institution Collections Acquisition Program. Lower left: Matthias Pliessnig, *Bends*, 2006, white oak, Courtesy of Lewis Wexler, Wexler Gallery, Philadelphia.

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Take Up Your Cross

STRONG SYMBOL: Dumbarton Oaks presents the exhibit "Cross References," which explores the central image behind Christianity. More than 200 objects discover, interpret and celebrate the cross, mostly using devotional objects.

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through Jan. 8. "One Life: Katharine Graham," the Washington Post publisher's life is portrayed through photographs, portraits, video, drawings and newspaper clippings, and her Pulitzer Prize, through May 30. John F. Kennedy portraits, several portraits of John F. Kennedy are on display to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his inauguration. Included are four photographs and one painting, through Jan. 8. Eighth and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Npg.si.edu.

Newseum: "Athlete: The Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss," through April 3. "Covering Katrina," a look at the hurricane through the eyes of journalists covering it, including artifacts used by them, and photos and news clips, through Sept. 5. "G-Men and Journalists: Top News Stories of the FBI's First Century," coverage of the FBI's most famous investigations, through Dec. 31. "Inside Tim Russert's Office: If It's Sunday, It's 'Meet the Press,'" the former "Meet the Press" host's office is partially reassembled to reflect how it appeared during his 17 years as the show's moderator, through Dec. 31. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, Newseum.org.

Phillips Collection: "David Smith Invents," sculptures, paintings, works on paper and photographs that illustrate Smith's ability to blur the boundaries between different media, through May 15. "Howard Hodgkin's As Time Goes By" and "Anniversary Reading Room," the first two exhibits of the Phillips Collection's new yearlong exhibit and installation series "90 Years of New" feature two 20-foot-long hand-painted etchings by Hodgkin and a display of archival materials related to the museum's creation, through May 8. "Philip Guston, Roma," paintings examining the works Guston completed while an artist-in-residence at the American Academy in Rome, through May 15. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, Phillipscollection.org.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "Alexis Rockman: A Fable for Tomorrow," as an artist depicting the natural world, Rockman was one of the first artists to depict environmental issues in his work. Paintings and works on paper explore this theme, through May 8. "Alexis Rockman: A Fable for Tomorrow," the contemporary artist uses vivid imagery to display his concern about the world's ecosystems, through May 8. "Close to Home: Photog-

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Just Dance

IT'LL BE OK: The Paul Taylor Dance Company—one of the country's best—comes to the Kennedy Center with three works: "Three Dubious Memories," "Brief Encounters" and "Also Playing." There will be attractive bodies jumping about.

raphers and Their Families," a collection of images showing photographer's families, inspired by the works of Larry Sultan and Tina Barney, through July 24. "To Make a World: George Ault and 1940s America," works by famed American painter George Ault that capture the emotional struggles the country was going through during the World War II conflict, through Sept. 5. "Watch This! New Directions in the Art of the Moving Image," on display are nine works spanning 50 years, including Cory Arcangel's Nintendo-inspired "Video Painting," Jim Campbell's "Grand Central Station #2" display made from 1,728 LED lights and Kota Ezawa's 3-D digital animation, "LYAM 3D." Eighth and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Americanart.si.edu.

Textile Museum: "Second Lives: The Age-Old Art of Recycling Textiles," examples of how various cultures reuse fabric, including a vest made from a blanket and a large patchwork of small scraps of silk ikat, through July 10. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, Textilemuseum.org.

The Old Print Gallery: "Moments in Mezzotint: Art Werger at the Old Print Gallery," Werger's prints are inspired by the black and white colors of film noir and the visual style of Alfred Hitchcock, through April 8. 1220 31st St. NW; 202-965-1818, Oldprintgallery.com.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "Close: A Journey in Scotland," look at the work of landscape designers and artists in large-format photographs, through June 6. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, Usbg.gov.

Vivid Solutions DC: "Cartograph," Gerard Lange exhibits his autobiographical collage and the journals he kept while creating his art, through April 8. 2208 Martin Luther King Ave. SE; 202-631-6291.

Woodrow Wilson House: "The Art of First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson: American Impressionist," a selection of 18 paintings by the former first lady, five on public display for the first time, through April 10. 2340 S St. NW; 202-387-4062, Woodrowwilsonhouse.org.

Zenith Gallery: "Listen to Me," artist Joel D'Orazio uses found objects to create various works, through May 13. 1111 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-783-2963.

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FRIDAY ONLY A Community of Gardeners: opens Fri. THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE; 202-889-5901, Thearcdc.org.

And the Curtain Rises: The birth of America's first musical is chronicled in this play directed by Kristin Hanggi, through April 10, $55-$81. Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington; 703-820-9771, 703-573-7328, Signature-theatre.org.

At Home at the Zoo: The one-act drama about three New Yorkers is expanded as part of the Edward Albee

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A GRAND TRADITION: Heather Whitpan, left, and Kevin Finkelstein star in Molotov Theatre Group's production of "Morgue Story." The troupe specializes in Grand Guignol, which essentially means it's really, really, REALLY bloody. It's so bloody they give you ponchos at the door. We recommend you take the ponchos. Ponchos are your friends.

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Festival, through April 24, $40-$85. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org.

FRIDAY ONLY Barbara Cook's Spotlight: Ashley Brown: The actress and singer performs in a theater cabaret show curated by Barbara Cook, opens Fri., $45. Kennedy Center, Terrace Theater, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600. 800-444-1324, Kennedy-center.org.

LAST CHANCE Blackbird: The Capital City Players of Washington, D.C., present a play about love, through Sat., $18, $15 for students and seniors. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 Seventh St. SE; 202-547-6839, Chaw.org.

Blue Man Group: Part concert, part comedic performance art, the show centers on three non-vocal blue guys playing unusual instruments, through April 3, $32-$92. Warner Theatre, 13th and E streets NW; 202-783-4000, Warnertheatre.com.

Fighting Improv Smackdown Tournament: Washington Improv Theater presents a 47-team competition, through April 16, $10. Source, 1835 14th St. NW; 202-204-7800, Sourcedc.org.

If You Give a Cat a Cupcake: Giving a cat a sweet treat sets off a sequence of events in this world premiere adapted from the book by Laura Numeroff, through April 25, $15. Glen Echo Park, Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 301-634-2270, Adventuretheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Jo Koy: through Sun., $25. Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-296-7008, Dcimprov.com.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: The biblical story of Joseph, a slave turned leader, is told with a pop sound track, through April 3, $26-$54. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney-Sandy Spring Road, Olney; 301-924-3400, Olneytheatre.org.

Liberty Smith: Liberty Smith weaves his way through stories from Revolutionary America in this world premiere musical, through May 21, $20-$55. Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; 202-347-4833, Fordstheatre.org.

LAST CHANCE Lou: through Sun. Venus Theatre, 21 C St., Laurel; 202-236-4078, Venustheatre.org.

FRIDAY ONLY Mother Nature's Child: opens Fri. THEARC, 1901 Mississippi Ave. SE; 202-889-5901, Thearcdc.org.

LAST CHANCE Paul Taylor Dance Company: Paul Taylor Dance Company returns with "Three Dubious Memories," "Brief Encounters" and "Also Playing," through Thu., $22-$65. Kennedy Center, Eisenhower Theater, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org.

Penelope: Enda Walsh puts a twist on Homer's "Odyssey" by focusing on Penelope and four of her suitors, through April 3, $44-$65. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300, Studiotheatre.org.

Photograph 51: The biography of of Rosalind Franklin, a scientist who was driven to map the contours of the DNA molecule, through April 24, $35-$55. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497, Theaterj.org.

Protest and Passion: The In Series presents a show about the intersection of civil rights and music, through April 9, $25-$32, $22-$29 seniors, $15-$16 students. Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993, Atlasarts.org.

LAST CHANCE Shadowlands: The Port Tobacco Players perform William Nicholson's play about author C.S. Lewis, his marriage to American poet Joy Davidman and how his faith is tested by her loss, through Sun., $17; seniors, military and students $14. Port Tobacco Players,

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2 SAT ★ Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra
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6 WED ★ Tzveta Kassabova
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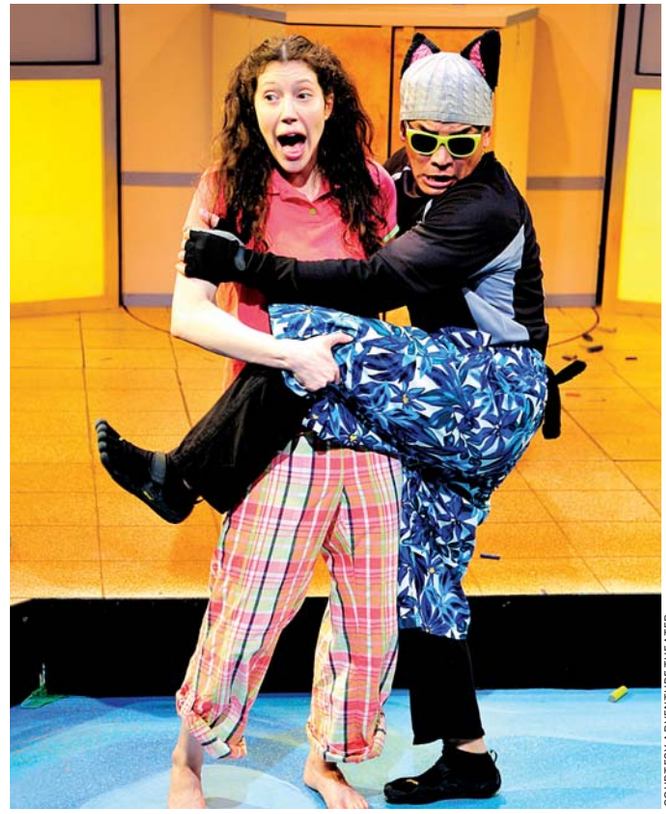
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508 Charles St., La Plata, Md.; 301-932-6819, Ptplayers.com.

LAST CHANCE **Measure for Measure:** Caleen Sinnette Jennings directs university students in the play that examines the tensions between mercy and revenge; abstinence and lust; and comedy and tragedy, through Sat., $15, $10 seniors. American University, Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre, 4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-885-2587, American.edu/cas/greenberg.

Shear Madness: The audience joins the fun in this performance based on a murder in a hair salon, through Oct. 10, 2012, $42. Kennedy Center, Theater Lab, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, 800-444-1324, Kennedy-center.org.

LAST CHANCE **Standing Atop the Ladder:** A mixed-media exhibit by Juan Tejedor using sculpture and works on paper to reference mapping and topography, as well as public transit routes, star systems and bird migration paths, through Sat. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

LAST CHANCE **The 3 Rascals:** Petru Valenski, Danilo Mazzo and Fabian Silva perform in Uruguay's "rioplatense" comedy style, through Sat., $25-$30, $20-$25 seniors and students. Gunston Arts Center Theater II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-998-4555.

The Agony and the Ecstasy of Steve Jobs: Mike Daisey stars in the one-man show about the Apple CEO, through April 17, $25-$65. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, Woollymammoth.net.

LAST CHANCE **The Chosen:** Aaron Posner directs his adaptation of Chaim Potok's novel (of the same name) about friendship, through Sun., $30-$60. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org.

The Magic Paintbrush: A boy is able to go on adventures with his paintbrush that brings whatever it paints to life, through April 3, $12 in advance, $15 at the door. Synetic Family Theater, 4041

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The Trip to Bountiful: Carrie Watts, an aging widow, attempts to run away from her son's apartment in Houston to return to the Gulf Coast town of Bountiful, where she grew up and raised her family, through April 3, $25-$60. Round House Theatre, 4545 East West Hwy., Bethesda; 240-644-1100, Roundhousetheatre.org.

The Weir: Presented by Scena Theatre, through April 28, $10-$40. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-2125, Hstreetplayhouse.com.

LAST CHANCE Webmasters: ClancyWorks will perform live Friday and Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2; dancers from London's DanceDigital will perform at the same time, and the two performances will be simulcast across the Atlantic Ocean, with each company responding to the other's moves, opens Fri. through Sun., $15; $10 seniors; $8 students and ages 11 and younger. Flashpoint, 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, Flashpointdc.org.

Wh-o's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?: Steppenwolf Theatre Company's presents the story of a marriage gone wrong as part of the Edward Albee Festival, through April 10, $40-$90. Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW; 202-488-3300, Arenastage.org.

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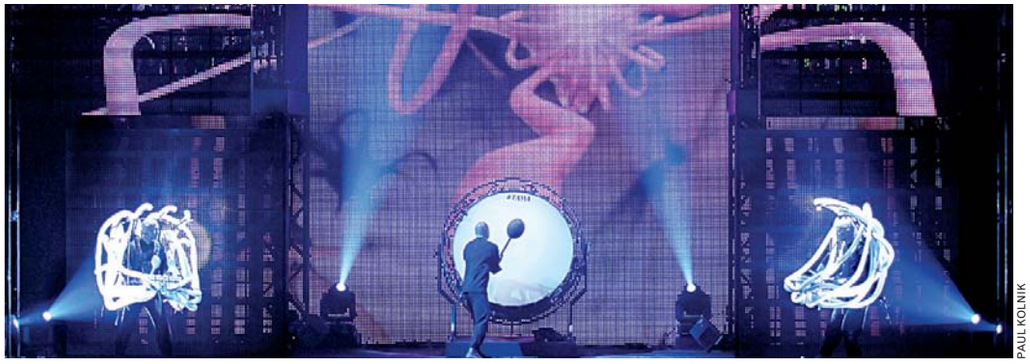

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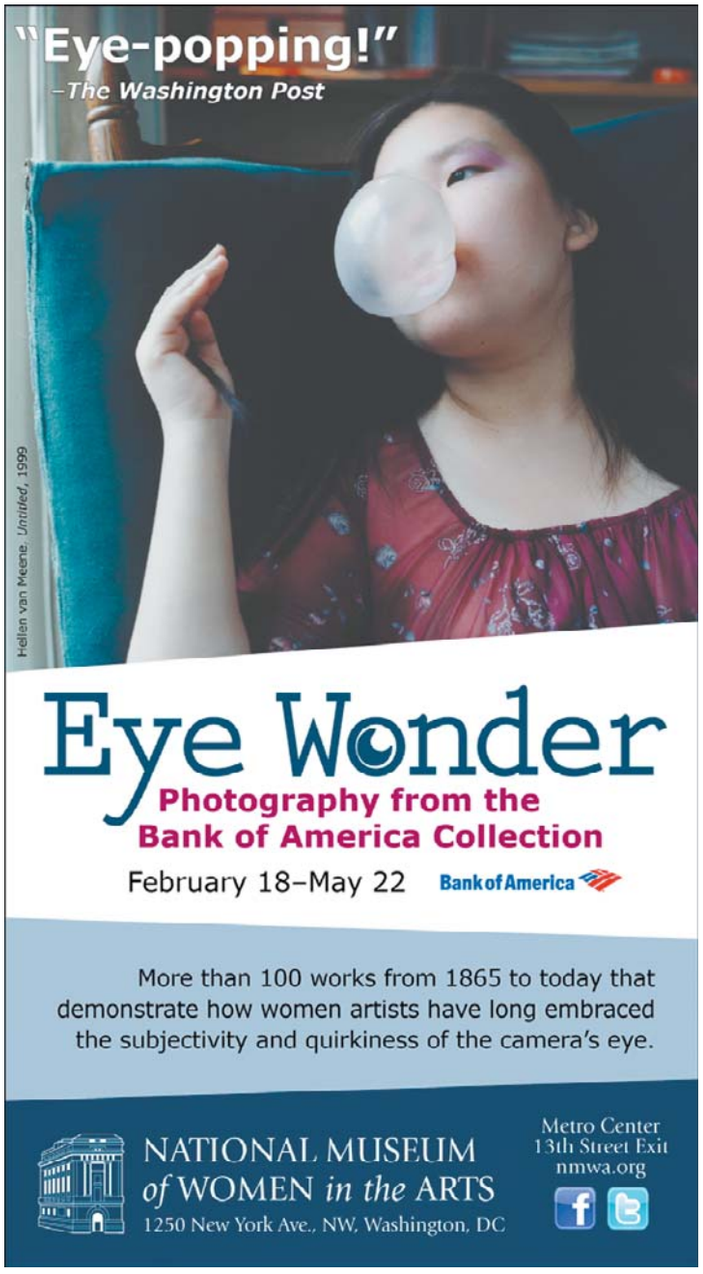

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The SAT Gets Real

The March SAT had an essay question about reality TV: "How authentic can these shows be when producers design challenges ... and then editors alter filmed scenes?"

What a silly question! Of course the shows are authentic. As Top Cheftestant Eli Kirshtein once told me, "If you say it, you say it." Here are my proposals for more challenging reality TV SAT queries.

By Marc Silver

- **"Top Chef"** will axe a talented chef for one bad dish, while a so-so chef might survive. Does this methodology defy logic?
- **Use your knowledge** of anatomy and gravity to analyze alleged plastic surgeries by Real Housewives.
- **Use your knowledge** of compression theory to calculate the square footage of Spanx worn by Kirstie Alley, above (with Maksim Chmerkovskiy), in "Dancing With the Stars."
- **Calculate median time** before split-up for "engaged couples" from "The Bachelor."
- **How many million-dollar houses** must a broker sell to star on "Million Dollar Listing"? Bonus: Assess the aesthetics of "MDL" agent Josh Flagg's new nose. For an extra bonus: Mention Keynesian economics in your answer.

@ Comments? Give Marc your feedback: **expressnightout.com/muse**

GETTY IMAGES

Celebrity, Defined.

Screen legend Elizabeth Taylor dies at age 79

Personalities

Elizabeth Taylor — a voluptuous violet-eyed actress who lived a life of luster and anguish and spent more than six decades as one of the world's most visible women for her two Academy Awards, eight marriages, ravaging illnesses and work in AIDS philanthropy — died Wednesday at age 79.

"Elizabeth Taylor was the last of the great glamour stars. She was the longest-running soap opera in history, and represented all the allure and tragedy that attracts people to Hollywood."

— BRITISH DIRECTOR MICHAEL WINNER

All About Elizabeth

Taylor famously provided the voice for Maggie Simpson's first word, "daddy," on a 1992 episode of "The Simpsons."

8 The number of marriages Taylor had, most notably to Richard Burton, to whom she was married on two separate occasions.

Charity work
To date, with Taylor's help, amfAR and the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation have raised a combined total of more than $300 million.

2 The number of Academy Awards she won for her film roles.

Author
She wrote books about dieting and her jewelry collection ("My Love Affair With Jewelry"), which included a $1.05 million, 69.42 carat diamond from Cartier. (TWP)

AP

The screen star through the years in (top) 1944, 1961, 1963, and (bottom) 1983, 1991 and 2007 .

She died of congestive heart failure at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, according to her publicist.

Taylor's life offered a mesmerizing series of sagas to rival any movie plot, and they were chronicled by the media since her boost to fame as the 12-year-old star of "National Velvet" (1944).

By her mid-20s, she had been a screen goddess, teenage bride, mother, divorcee and widow. She endured near-death traumas, and many declared her a symbol of survival. "I've been through it all, baby," she once said. "I'm Mother Courage."

News about her love affairs, jewelry collection, weight fluctuations and socializing in rich and royal circles were followed by millions of people. More than for any film role, she became famous for being famous, setting a media template for later generations of entertainers, models and all variety of semi-somebodies. She was the "archetypal star goddess," biographer Diana Maddox once wrote.

She made more than 60 films and twice won the Oscar for best actress.

In 2000, Queen Elizabeth II made her a dame commander of the Order of the British Empire. Recovering from back and hip surgeries, Taylor entered Buckingham Palace in a wheelchair.

"You can call me Dame Elizabeth," she told the media. "I've been a broad all my life. Now I'm a dame."

ADAM BERNSTEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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TV tonight lookout

Life Without Michael

'The Office' will carry on after Steve Carell's imminent departure

Comedy

NBC 9:00

NBC may not be anywhere near the top, but that hasn't stopped the network from keeping much of its Thursday-night schedule intact for fall 2011. "30 Rock" was renewed for next season some months ago. Last week, NBC gave the official pickup notice to "The Office," "Community" and "Parks & Recreation." That leaves two new series, "Outsourced" (10:30 p.m.) and "Perfect Couples" (8:30 p.m.), dangling.

The renewal notice for "The Office" makes official what was long expected: The show will go on without Steve Carell as Michael Scott. Signs of his exit abound in tonight's episode (9 p.m.), when Michael prepares to pop the big question to Holly (Amy Ryan). Ryan, who was rather remarkable in this season's "In Treatment" on HBO, can also be seen in the new, highly acclaimed film comedy "Win Win."

NBC

"The Office's" Steve Carell, left, and Ed Helms are both alums of "The Daily Show."

Carell is not the only "Daily Show" veteran to make good. Ed Helms, who plays Andy Bernard on "The Office," is also from that Comedy Central series. John Oliver has branched out from his role as a foreign correspondent on "The Daily Show" to play hapless professor Ian Duncan on "Community" (8 p.m.) And tonight he gets his second special, "John Oliver's New York Standup Show" (12. am., Comedy Central). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

NBC 8:00

Community Since Abed is a big film fan, Jeff plans a surprise birthday party for him with a "Pulp Fiction" theme (see Yvette Nicole Brown, pictured). But Abed has his own plans — a restaurant outing that resembles "My Dinner With Andre."

ABC 8:00

Wipeout In this new episode, the show's mascot, Ballsy, is let loose in the kitchen to whip up some food for the contestants. Before they can chow down, though, they have to get through such obstacles as the Flipsy Daisy, the Spring Fling and, of course, the Big Balls.

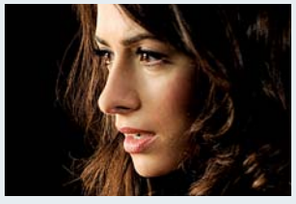
ABC 9:00

Grey's Anatomy As he gets the green light for his diabetes trial, Richard (James Pickens Jr., pictured) steps up his efforts to get Adele into Derek and Meredith's Alzheimer's trial. Mark and Arizona clash over plans for Callie's baby shower. Henry has another health scare that worries Teddy.

A&E 10:00

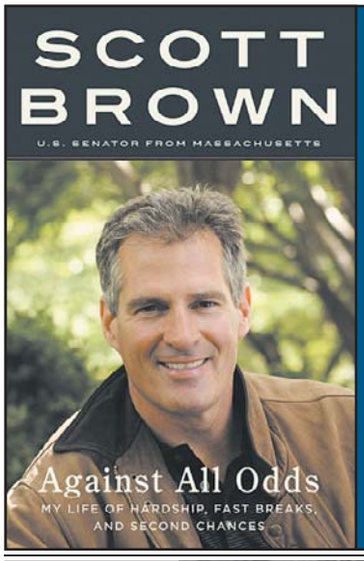
Manhunters: Fugitive Task Force Cmdr. Lenny DePaul and Detective Roxanne Lopez look for a fugitive who's wanted on charges of kidnapping and sexual assault against minors. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Finales



A Day in the Life

Think all mediators do is sit around listening to people argue? Think again. In the season finale of "Fairy Legal" (10 p.m., USA), Kate's (Sarah Shahi, pictured) day includes not only mediating a dispute between a pair of litigious siblings but preventing an international incident at the Croatian Embassy and trying to avoid being thrown in jail by Judge Nicastro (guest star Gerald McRaney). (TM)



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"If it isn't illegal, Apple shouldn't attempt to police what might offend someone. Better to focus on making useful products and let consumers decide which apps interest them."

COMMENTER BRAD2

"Homophobes thinking an app will 'cure' homosexuality just proves that ignorance is bliss. Makes me wonder what the outrage would be like if Apple introduced an app to change the color of your skin."

COMMENTER LMAO

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Blog Log

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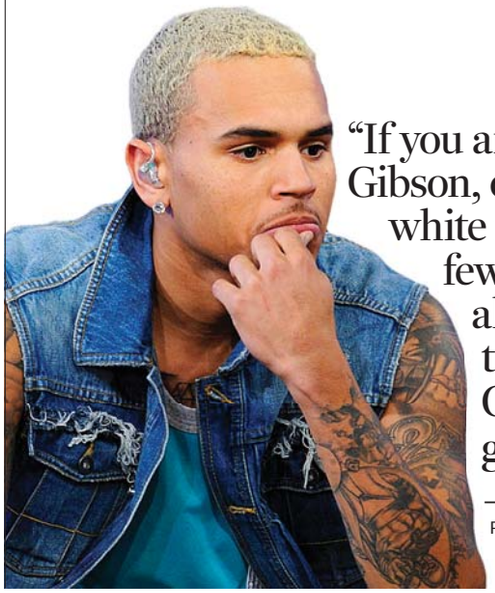
—**OMGBLOG.COM** IS STUNNED BY RUMORS THAT GLENN BECK MAY START HIS OWN NETWORK WHEN HIS CONTRACT WITH FOX NEWS IS UP.

"We think that's pretty amazing — it's not every day that you see a kid so enthusiastic to help those in need, so three cheers for Rebecca Black! Even as some [on] the Internet continue to mock her, it looks like the 13-year-old has a very good head on her shoulders; her unapologetic attitude about the musicianship that may or may not exist on 'Friday' is a moot point by now, and it looks like the girl's just trying to have fun."

—**BUZZWORTHY.MTV.COM** ADMIRES BLACK'S REVELATION THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE ITUNES SALES OF HER SONG WILL GO TOWARD HELPING JAPANESE TSUNAMI VICTIMS.



"If you are a thug, then what is Charlie Sheen, or Mel Gibson, or John Mayer, or Jude Law, or any other famous white male who has engaged in bad behavior the past few years? Why are they often forgiven, given a pass, allowed to clean themselves up and to redeem themselves in a way black males simply cannot, Chris? It is because, to paraphrase Tupac, we were given this world; we did not make it."

—**KEVINPOWELL.NET/BLOG** WROTE AN OPEN LETTER TO CHRIS BROWN AFTER BROWN TWEETED, "I'M SO OVER PEOPLE BRING THIS PAST [EXPLETIVE] UP!! YET WE PRAISE CHARLIE SHEEN AND OTHER CELEBS FOR [EXPLETIVE]."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Now is no time to hold a grudge; take the time to make amends with those who may have offended you even slightly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may attract more attention than desired simply because you don't know when to call it quits.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The difference between comedy and tragedy may be as simple as the difference between a timely yes or no.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Remain true to yourself at all times and you'll avoid the kinds of pitfalls to which a few friends and rivals may fall victim.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may not react the way others expect you to react, but in this way you can force someone else's hand and have things go your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take care that in doing what you want to do, you are not preventing someone else from doing the same. Avoid selfishness, and be fair.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will want to avoid any and all kinds of unfairness; deception on your part will only serve to hurt you in the end.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) What belongs to you will take on greater significance, especially in the light of a recent loss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The difference between a worthy effort and a waste of time may seem vague at best, but you must continue apace. Your course is true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A rational approach to a situation that seems to defy clear understanding is certainly advised.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can keep things from spiraling out of control after a minor accident sets things in motion. Firm but subtle control is the key.

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Yesterday's Solution

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Yesterday's Solution

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5	1	4	3	9	6	2	7	8
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1	9	8	6	5	7	4	2	3
2	3	5	9	7	8	1	6	4
6	7	9	4	1	3	5	8	2
8	4	1	5	6	2	9	3	7

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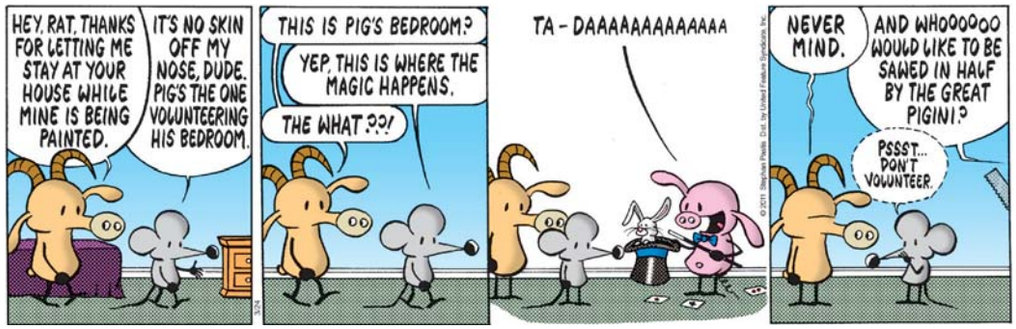

Forecast

56 | 28

Today: Breezy today with times of clouds and sun. Clear and colder tonight.

55 | 34

Tomorrow: Partly sunny tomorrow. Increasing cloudiness tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SAT	SUN	MON
43 | 36	52 | 34	44 | 36

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:06 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:24 p.m.
Moonrise today: 12:34 a.m.
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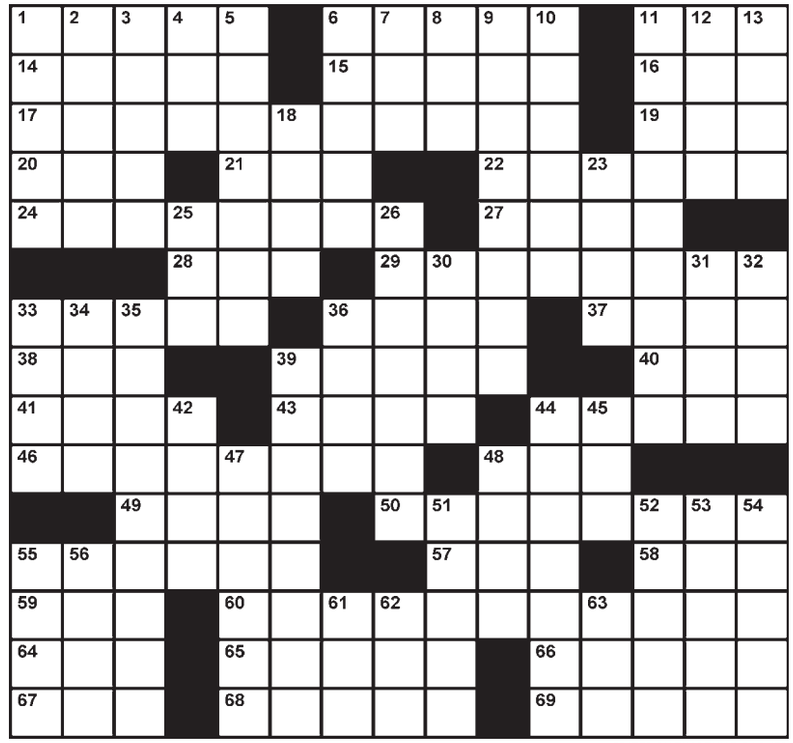

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ACROSS

1 Runway strutter
6 "Thou ___ make me clean" (leper's words to Jesus)
11 Acid
14 Angle type
15 Tropical vine
16 Be short, in a way
17 Hippie emblem
19 Airport-shuttle vehicle
20 Kilted boy
21 Roll of banknotes
22 "You ___ kidding!"
24 Subjugated
27 Elitist
28 Red-faced emotion
29 Bridge support
33 Knocked the socks off of
36 Needle and thimble case
37 Two threes, for one
38 U.N. workers' group
39 Many a housewarming gift
40 What identical twins have in common
41 Hog feed
43 ___ the wrong way (irritates)
44 Wander around leisurely
46 Tied one on
48 ___ sequitur
49 "Do not change," to an editor
50 Like some forecasts
55 Command before "Go!"
57 ___ de la Plata
58 Neighbor of Ga.
59 Hugs indication
60 Hippie
64 Anti-apartheid org.
65 Adjective for a seance
66 Lounged (around)
67 "For shame!" noise
68 Sediment particles
69 Abrasive material

DOWN

1 Syrup source
2 Arctic or Indian, e.g.
3 Twosomes
4 Catchall abbr.
5 Away from the wind
6 Glasgow waterway
7 Use a scope
8 Apprehend, as a perpetrator
9 Winter attire
10 Special ability
11 Accessories for 60-Across
12 Avian trumpeter
13 Small ding
18 Except for
23 Delightful diversion
25 One may do it through one's teeth
26 Singles, compared to married people
30 Buttocks
31 "The Whole ___ Yards"
32 Buffet meal carrier
33 Genie's largesse
34 Earthenware pot
35 Festival for 60-Across
36 Last Hebrew month
39 One who babbles
42 Back-hand compliments?
44 Eyewear for Col. Klink
45 Lennon's lady
47 Griped
48 Film ___ (shadowy genre)
51 Canadian tribe members
52 Food at the first Thanksgiving
53 In worse health
54 Golfer's aide
55 Barnyard milk giver
56 Geologic time periods
61 Unrefined lode
62 Barrister's headpiece
63 Performer yukking it up

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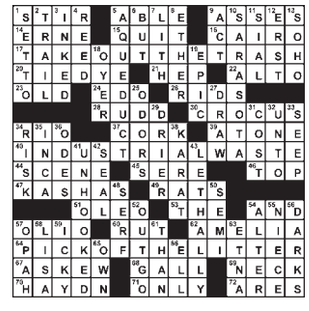

Today in History

1882 German scientist Robert Koch announces he has discovered the bacillus responsible for tuberculosis.

1958 Elvis Presley is inducted into the Army in Memphis, Tenn.

1989 The supertanker Exxon Valdez runs aground on a reef in Alaska's Prince William Sound and began leaking 11 million gallons of crude oil.

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Gosh, Has Robin Roberts Always Been This Judge-y?

Billy Ray Cyrus said on "Good Morning America" that he wants to be daughter Miley's friend. "I just want her to trust and know that I love her more than life itself and I'll be by her side through the good and the bad." "She's got plenty of friends; she needs a daddy!" responded "GMA" co-host Robin Roberts. Cyrus also back-pedaled on statements blaming "Hannah Montana" for his family woes. "I was in darkness" at the time, he said. **(EXPRESS)**

PHEROMONES

Newly Single Female's Emotional Fragility Irresistible to Males

Within a week of announcing her split from Justin Timberlake, Jessica Biel was seen "cozying up" to Gerard Butler, according to Usmagazine.com. The pair, who are shooting the movie "Playing the Field" in Shreveport, La., were first seen flirting on March 15 at a birthday party. They dined together three more times that week. **(EXPRESS)**

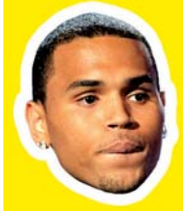
FRAZER HARRISON/GETTY IMAGES

Choose your own judgmental reaction: "You go, girl!" or "Really? This soon?"

Dirtbag Digest

Dressing Room Window Will Not Be Avenged

ABC is not pressing charges against Chris Brown, who destroyed a "Good Morning America" dressing room on Tuesday. TMZ.com reported that the NYPD will not prosecute Brown, as there is no complaining victim. Also via TMZ: The incident will not violate Brown's probation, as no one is prosecuting. Brown smashed the room, including a window, after "GMA" co-host Robin Roberts pressed him about Rihanna. **(EXPRESS)**



JEMAL COUNTESS/GETTY IMAGES

This photo is all the audition CBS needs. Somebody get a pen and a contract!

CASTING INSTRUCTIONS

'Any Old Rakish Man-Child Will Do'

Jeremy Piven is rumored to be in consideration to replace Charlie Sheen on "Two and a Half Men," Radaronline.com reported. "Jeremy is a great actor and a hot commodity; his name has come up a couple of times in talks about who, if anybody, could step into Charlie's shoes," a "source close to the situation" told the website. Piven's publicist, Stan Rosenfeld, denied all knowledge, however: "No one connected in any way with Jeremy knows anything about this, and that would include Jeremy." **(EXPRESS)**

PHILANTHROPY

Well-Liked Celebrity Donates to Worthy Cause

Gwen Stefani donated $1 million to Save the Children's Japan Earthquake-Tsunami Children in Emergency Fund on Wednesday. "I've been inspired by Japan for many years and have a true love, appreciation and respect for the people and their culture," she said in a statement. "The disaster in Japan is beyond heartbreaking, and I want to do anything I can to help." **(EXPRESS)**

"Of course marriage is for life and that's what I wanted, but anything for the rest of life can be daunting."

—RUSSELL BRAND TELLS PIERS MORGAN ABOUT LIFE WITH NEW WIFE KATY PERRY. "I SEE HER A LOT," HE SAID. "YOU LIKE IT OR LUMP IT. SHE'S ALWAYS AROUND."

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Charles Town	304-725-1791	116 Flowing Springs Rd, across from Hollywood Casino
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Germantown	301-515-3000	13052 Middlebrook Rd, next to Giant
Greenbelt	301-220-0374	5506 Cherrywood Lane, next to Atlanta Bread
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